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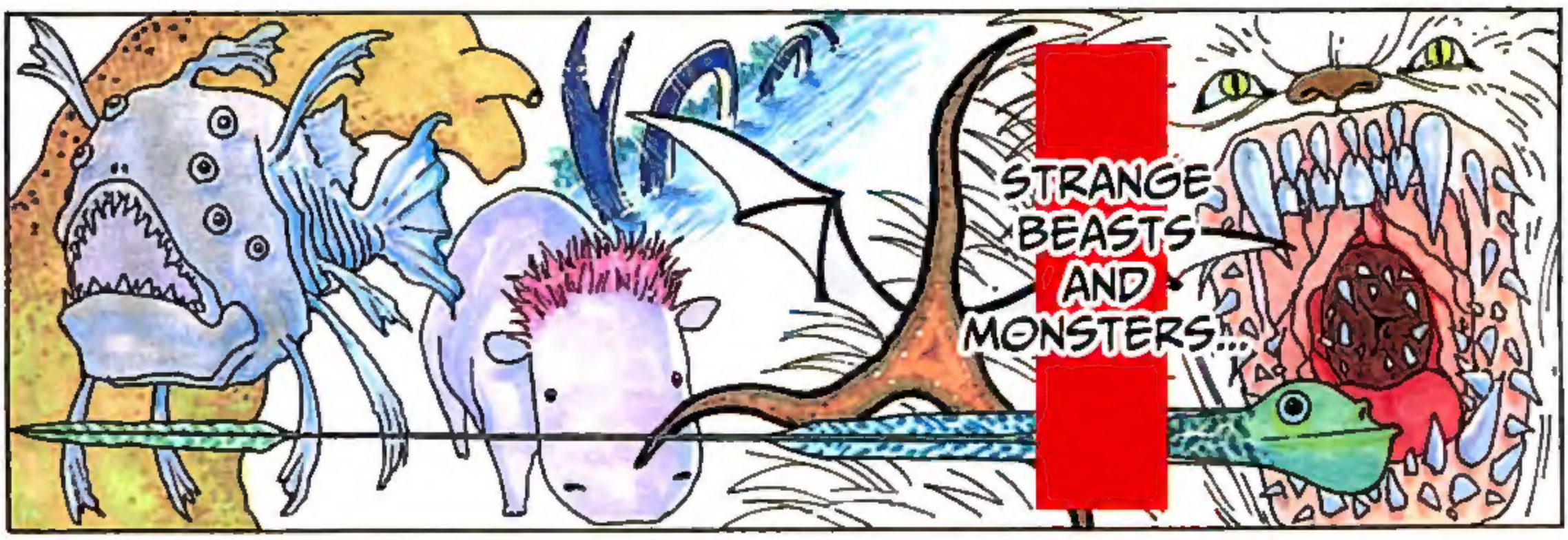

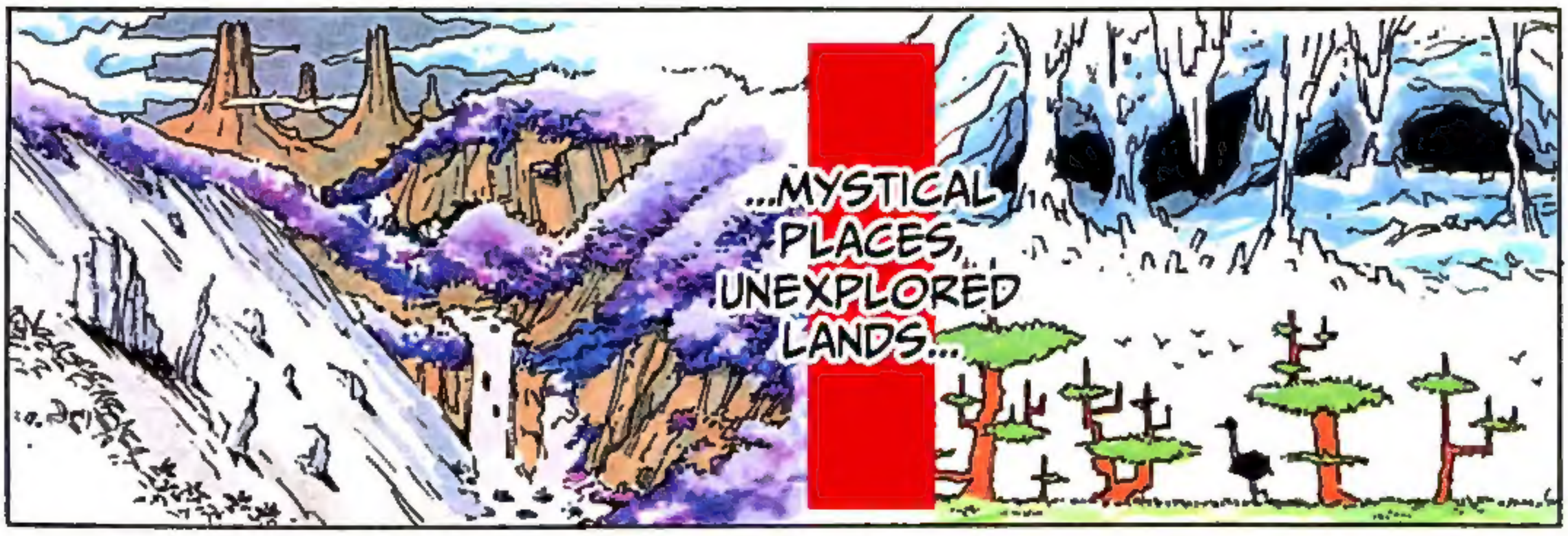

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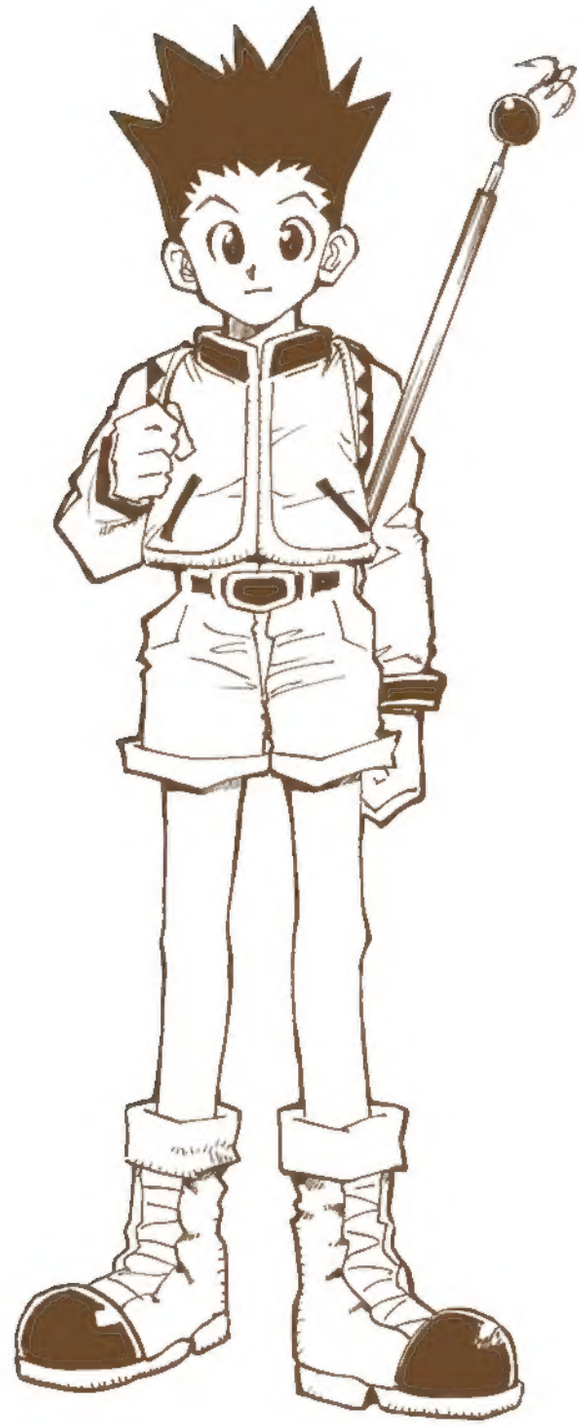

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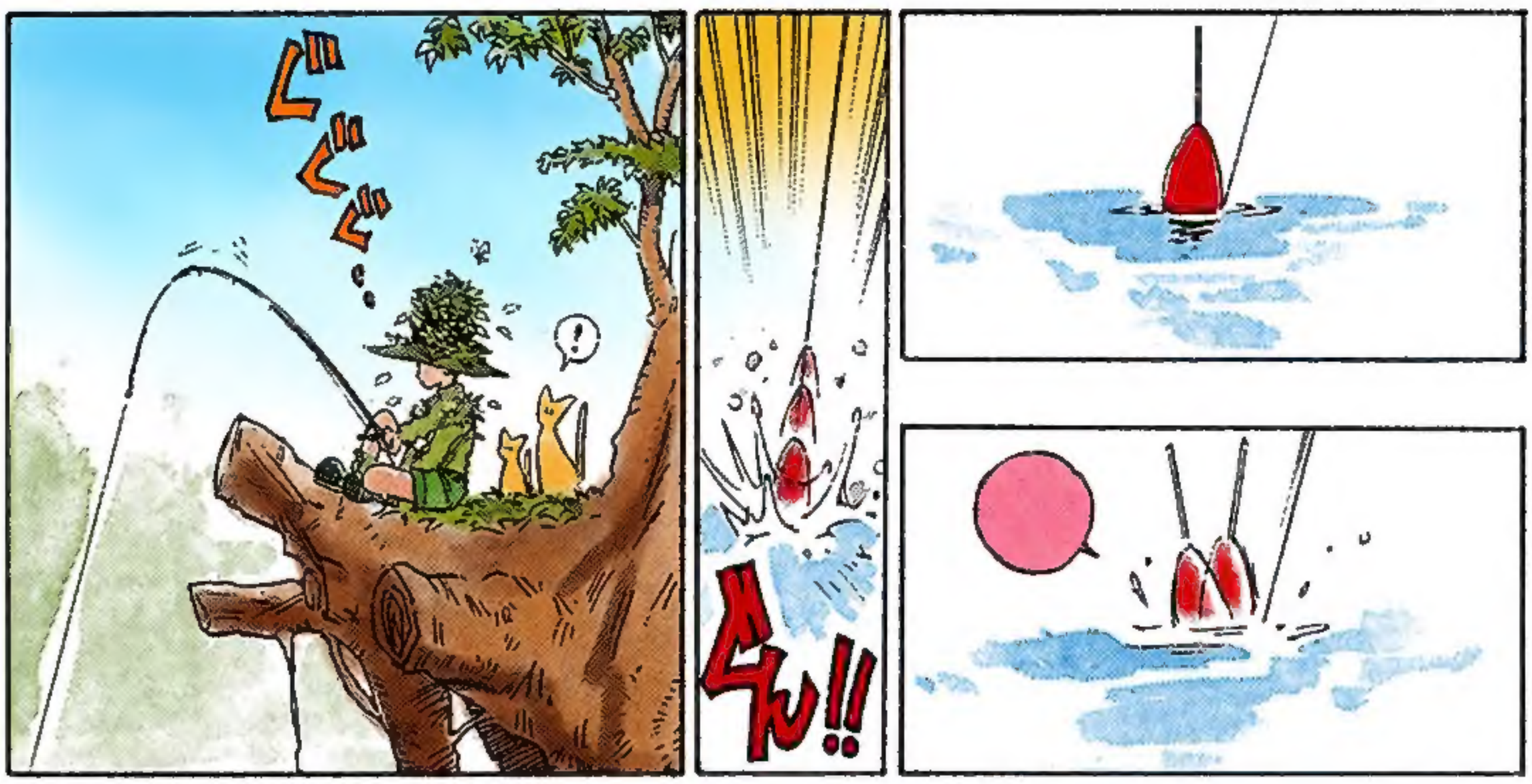
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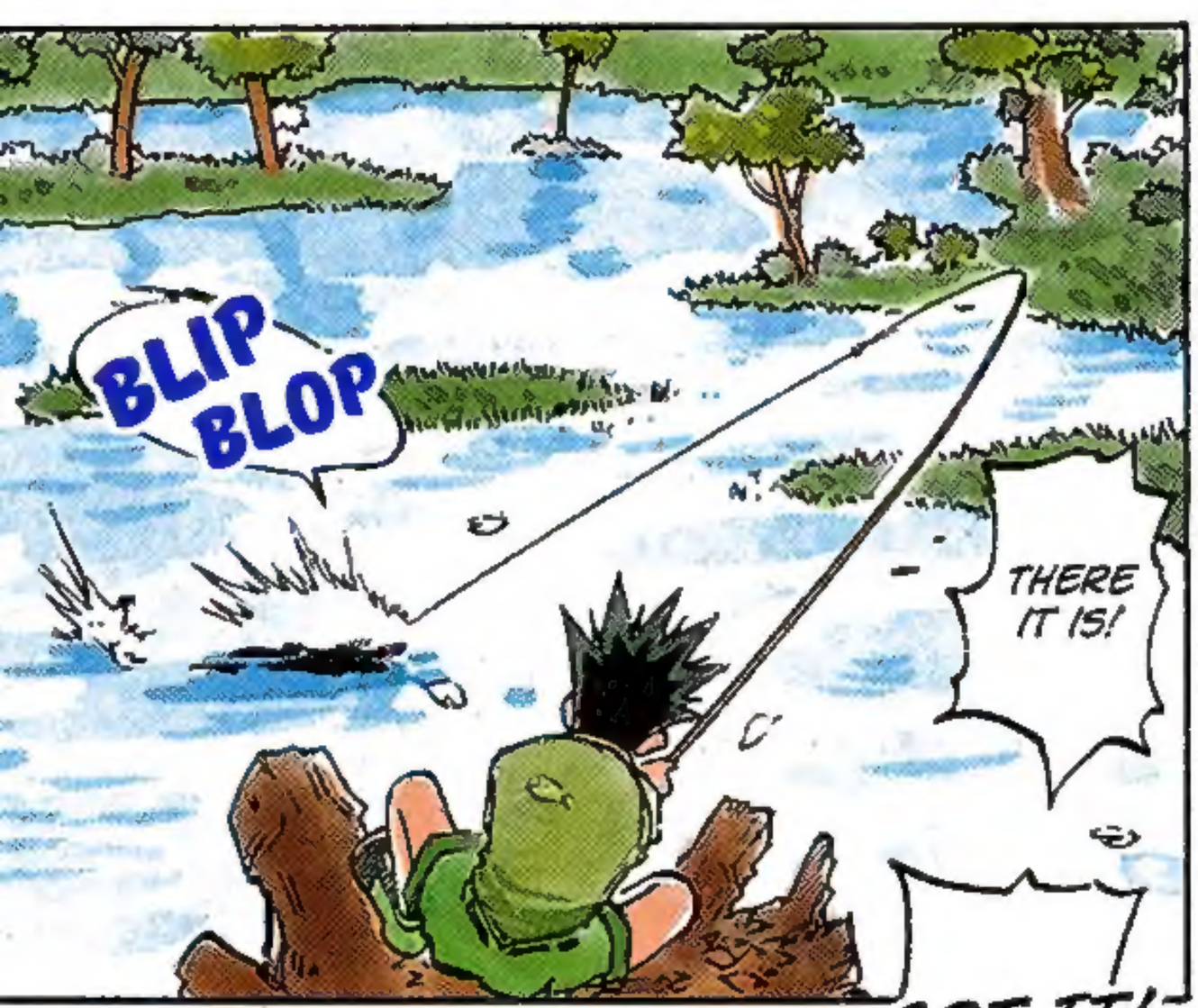
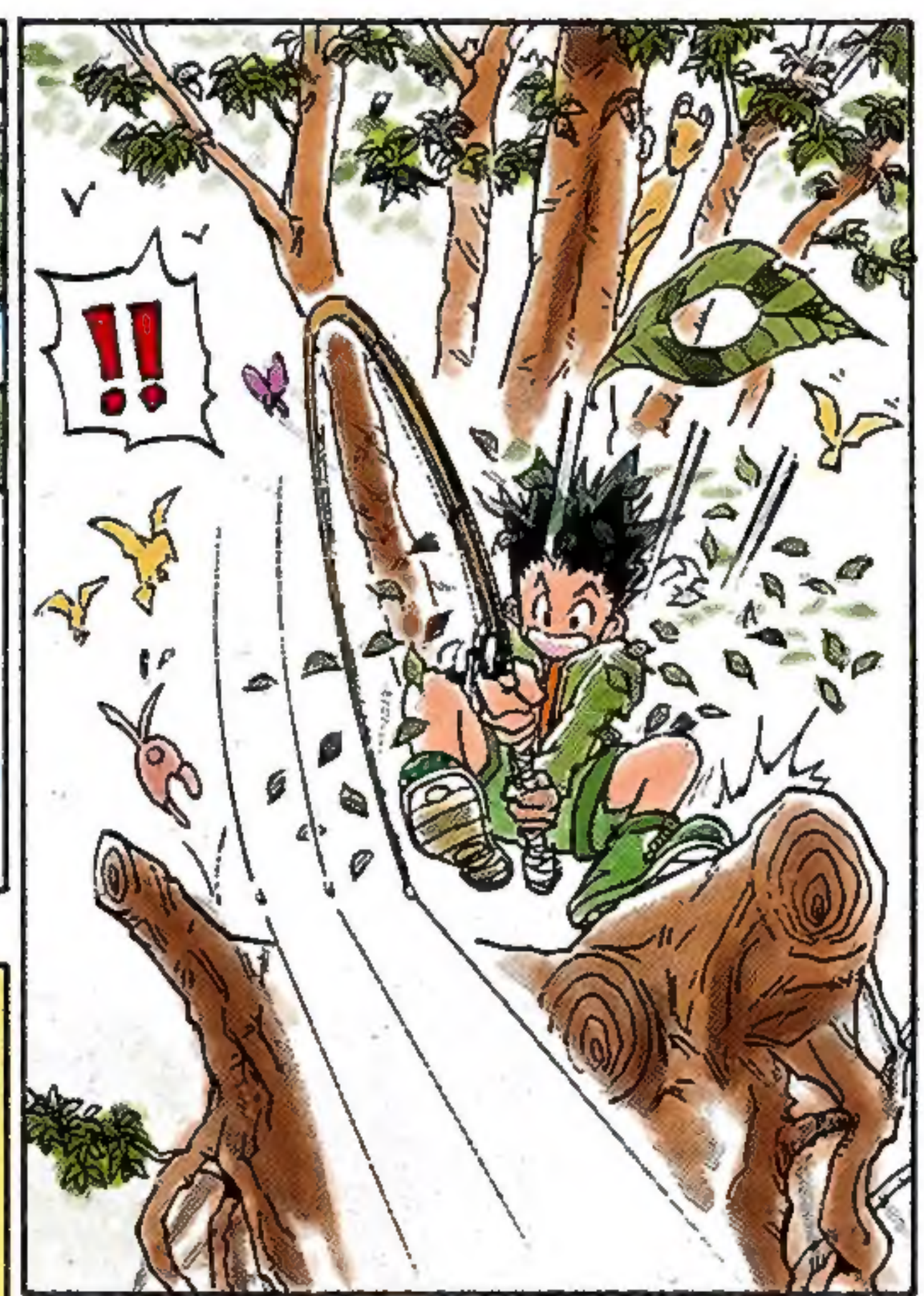

BLIP BLOP
THERE IT IS!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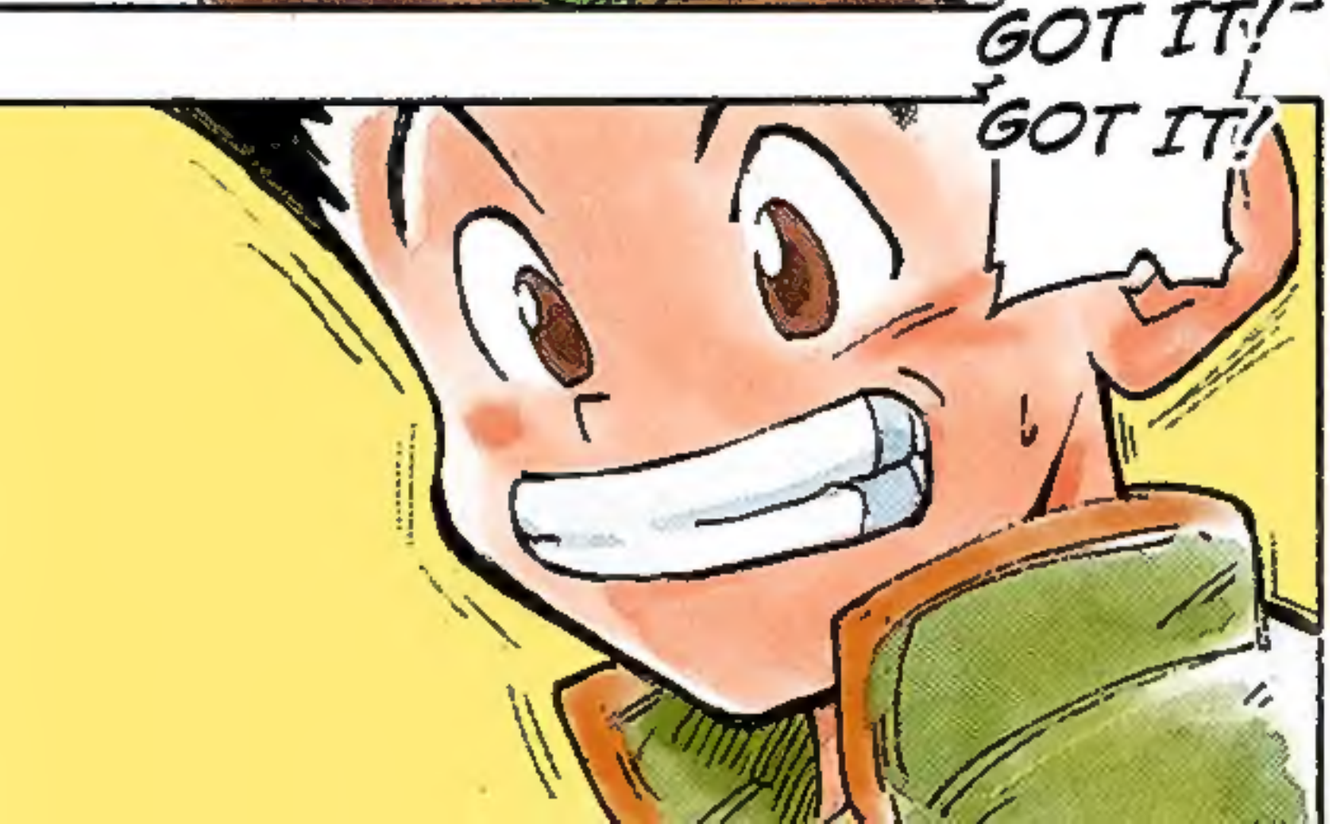
GOT IT! GOT IT!

HAH!
GO-TGRAI!

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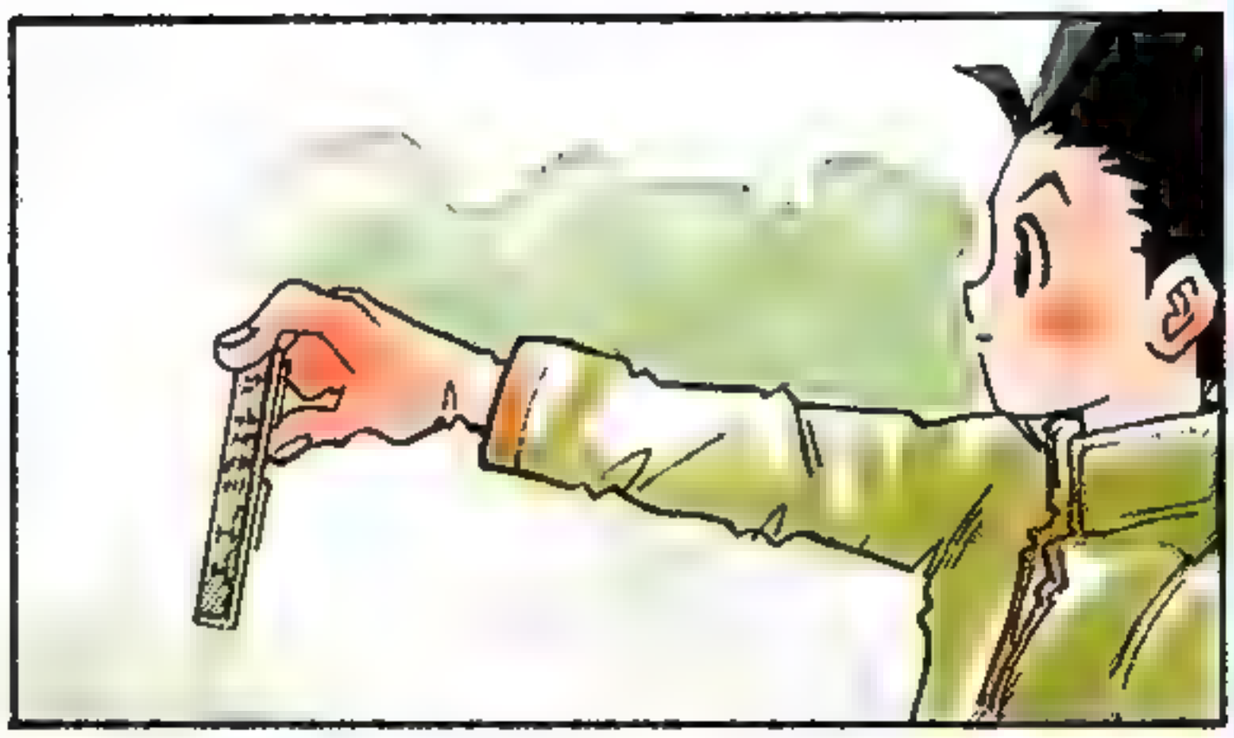

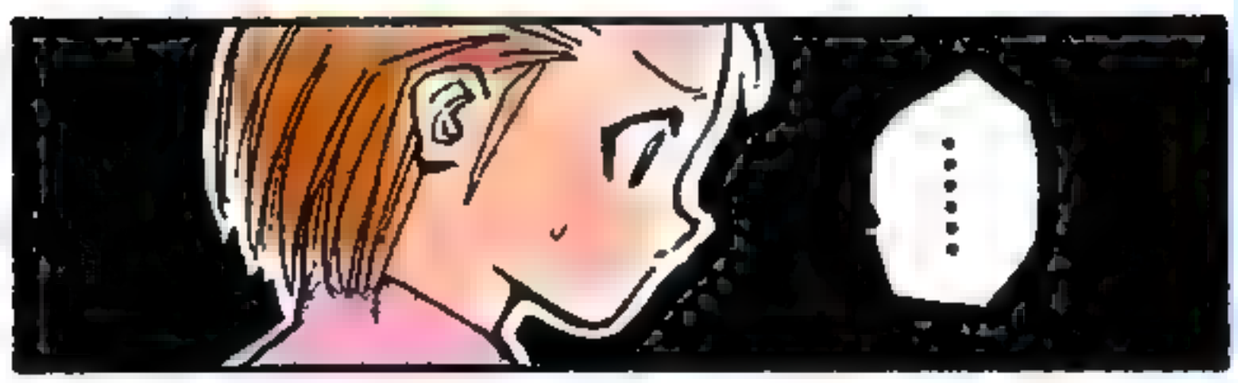
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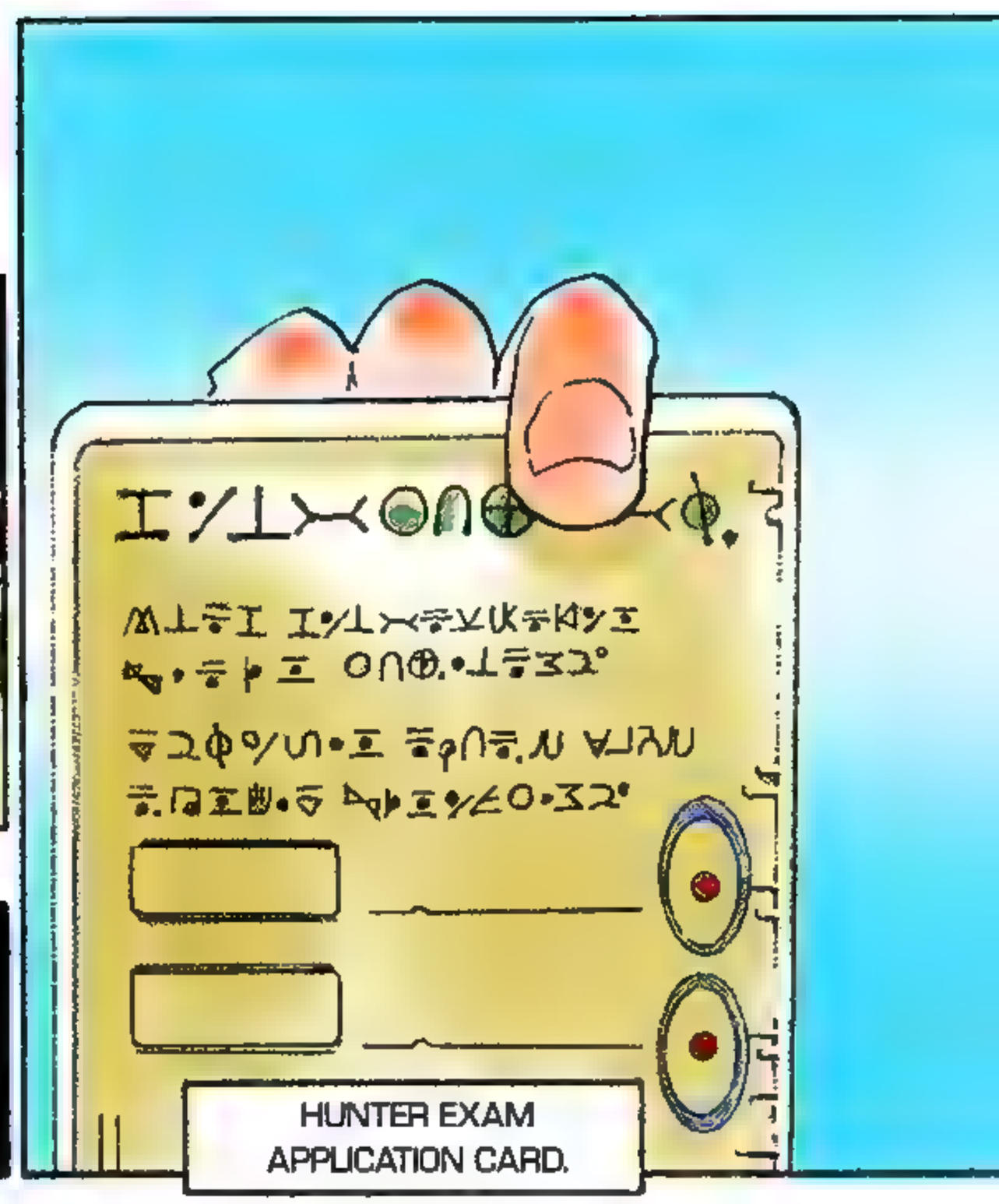
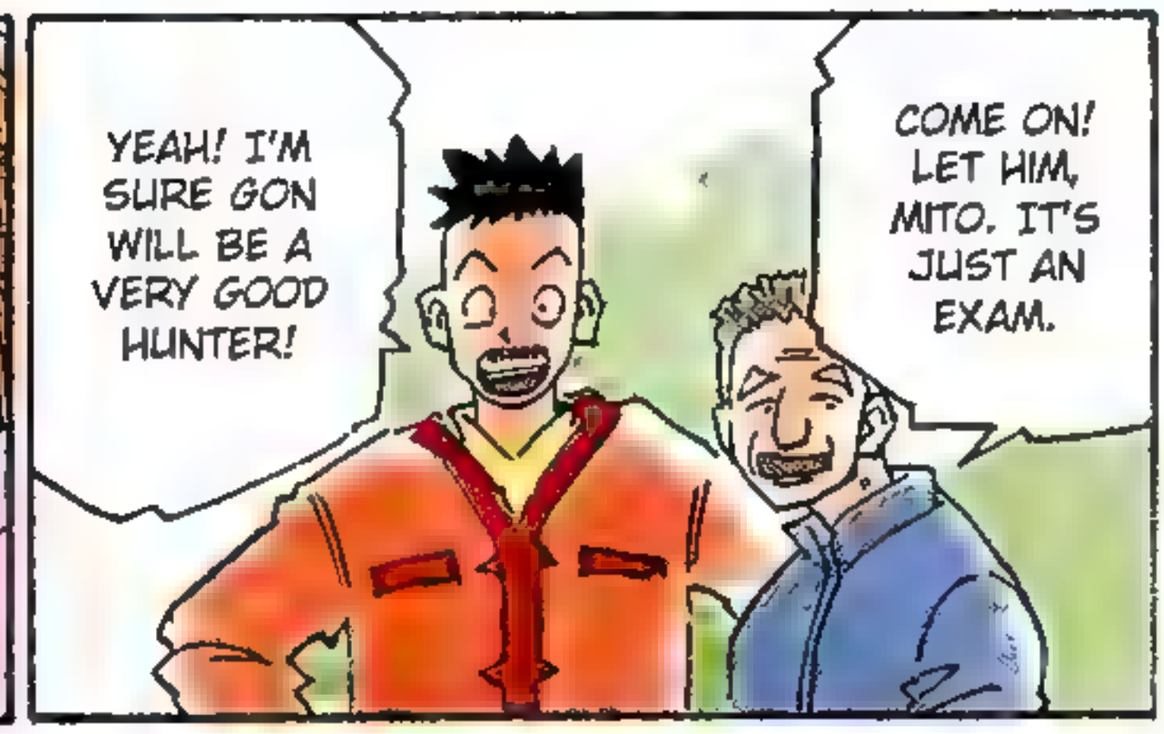
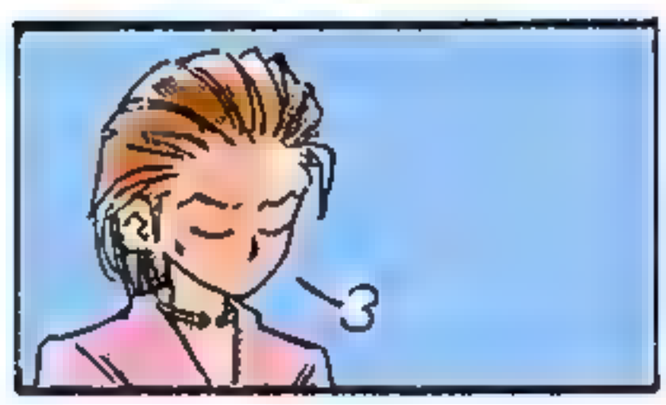
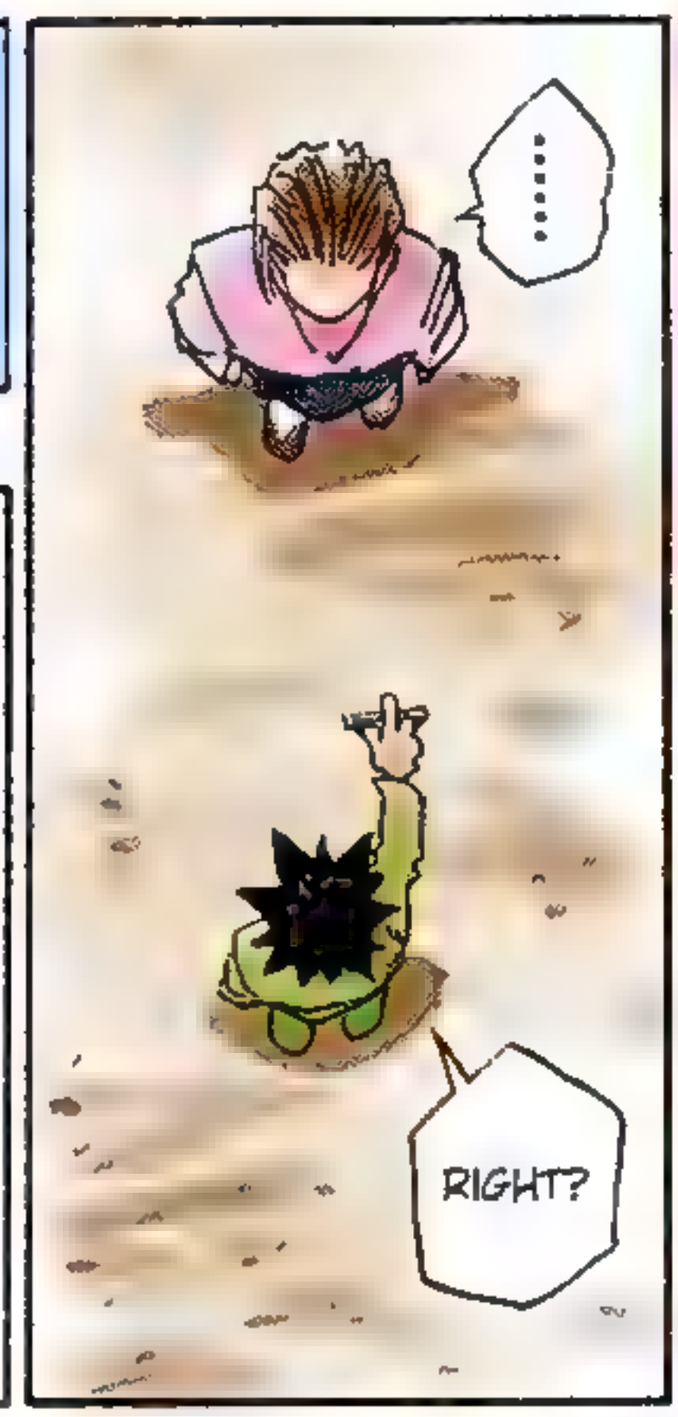

HUNTER EXAM
APPLICATION CARD.

UM...
GLARE!!
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY! HOW CARELESS!


YEAH! I'M SURE GON WILL BE A VERY GOOD HUNTER!
COME ON! LET HIM, MITO. IT'S JUST AN EXAM.



BEEP!!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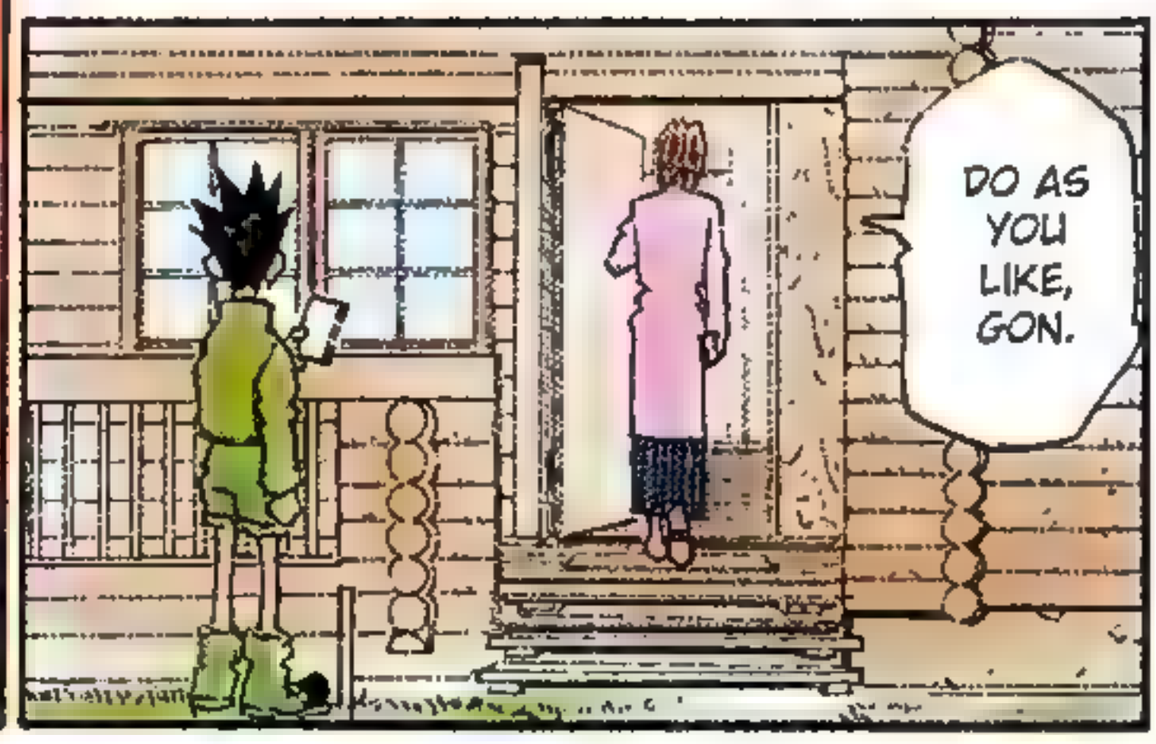
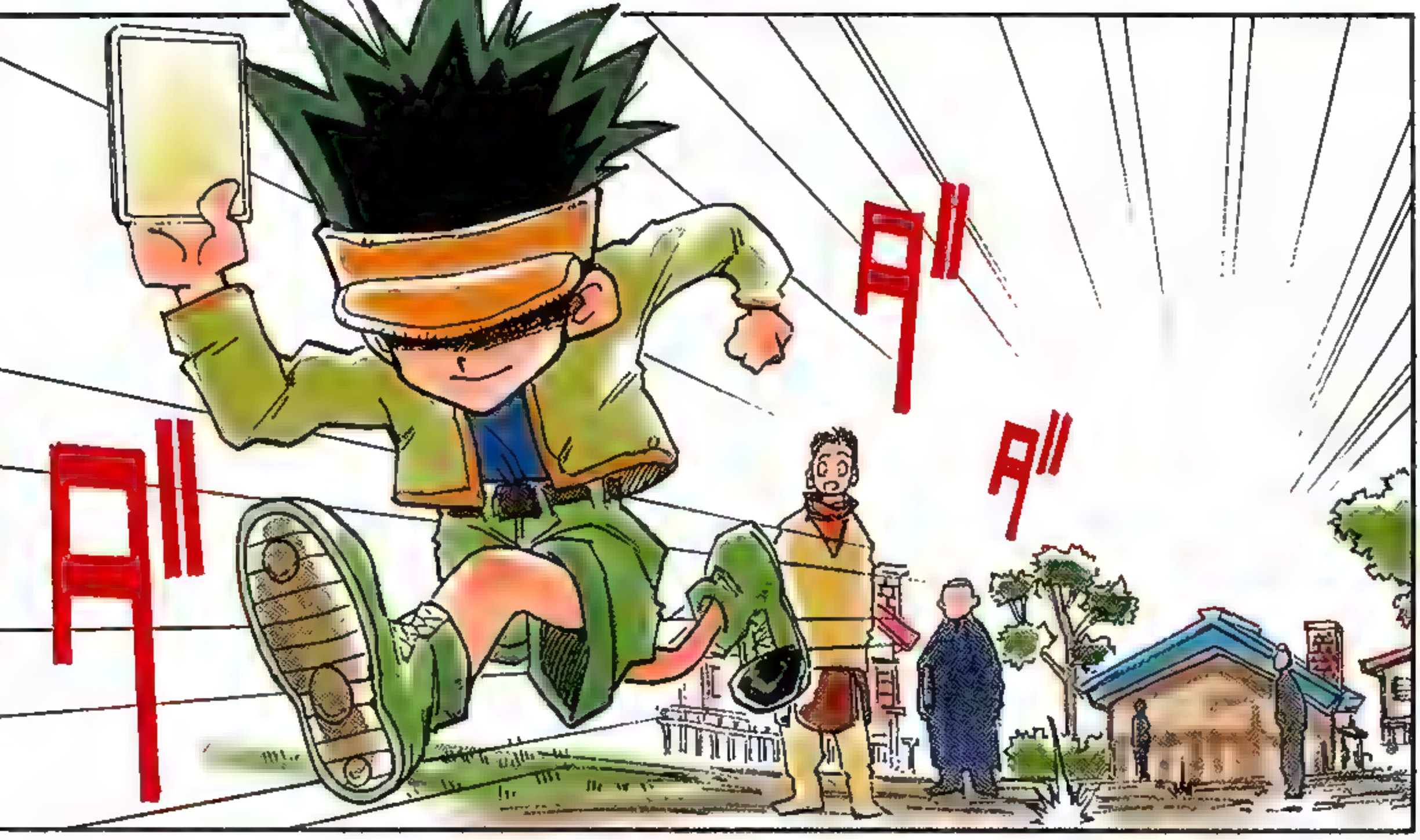
RIGHT?

...BUT MEANING WHAT YOU SAY, THAT'S ANOTHER THING. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, AUNT MITO?
SHE'S RIGHT! IT'S EASY TO SAY CERTAIN THINGS...

THANKS!
RIGHT!


DO AS YOU LIKE, GON.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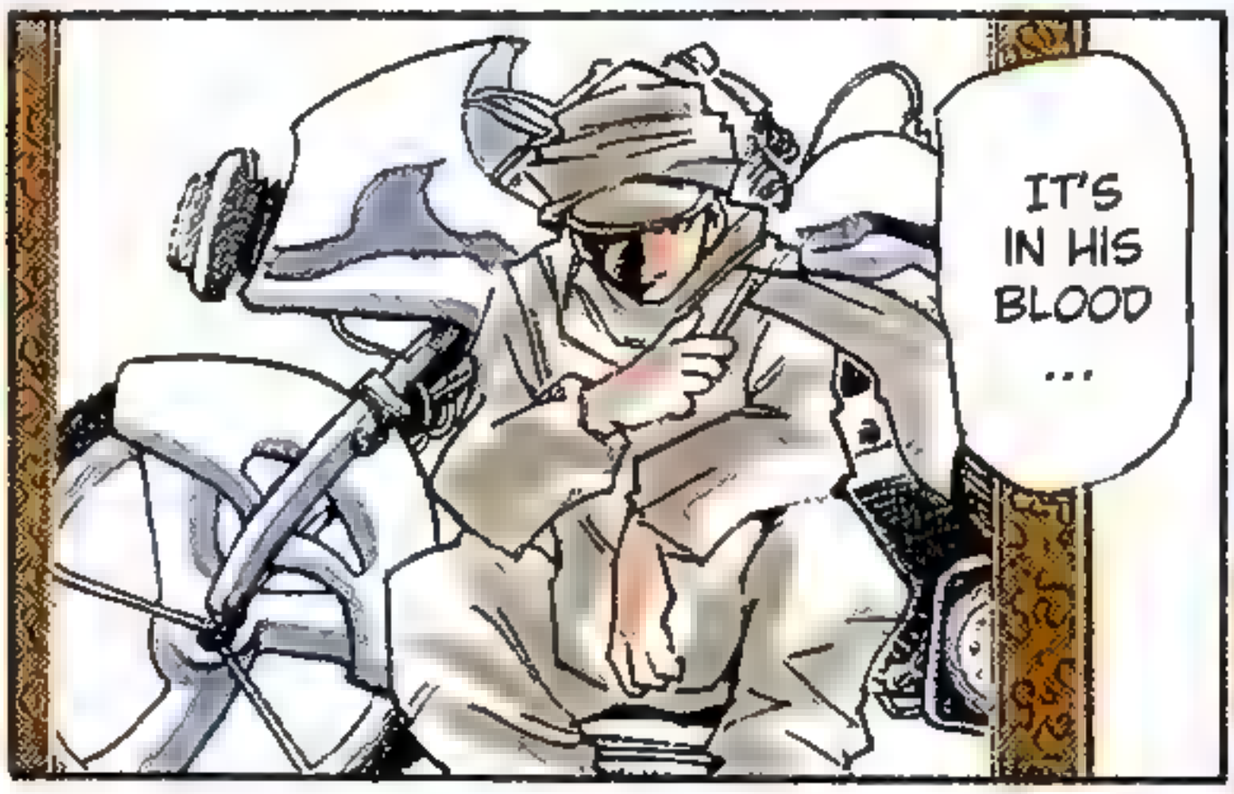
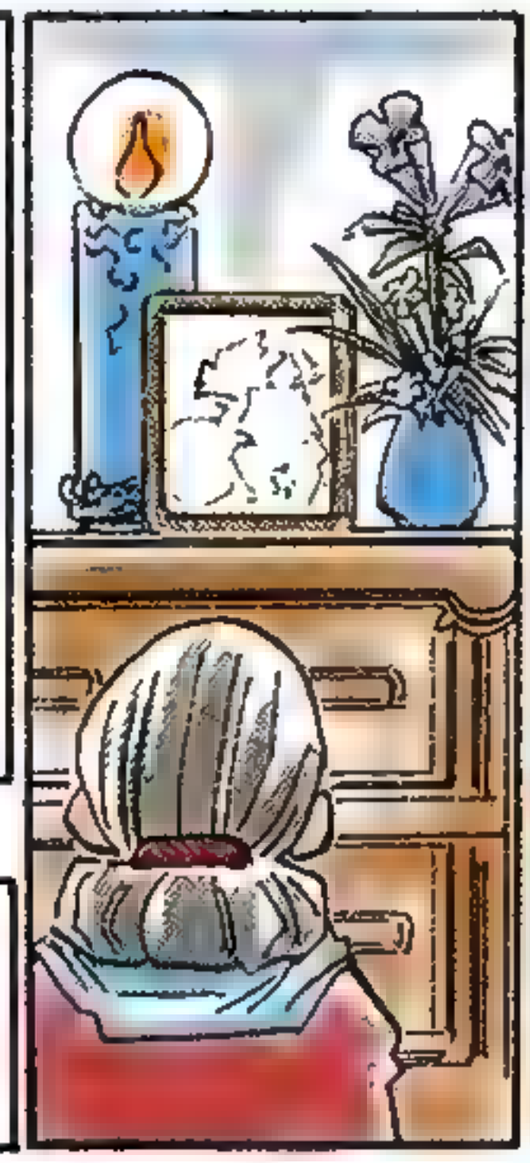
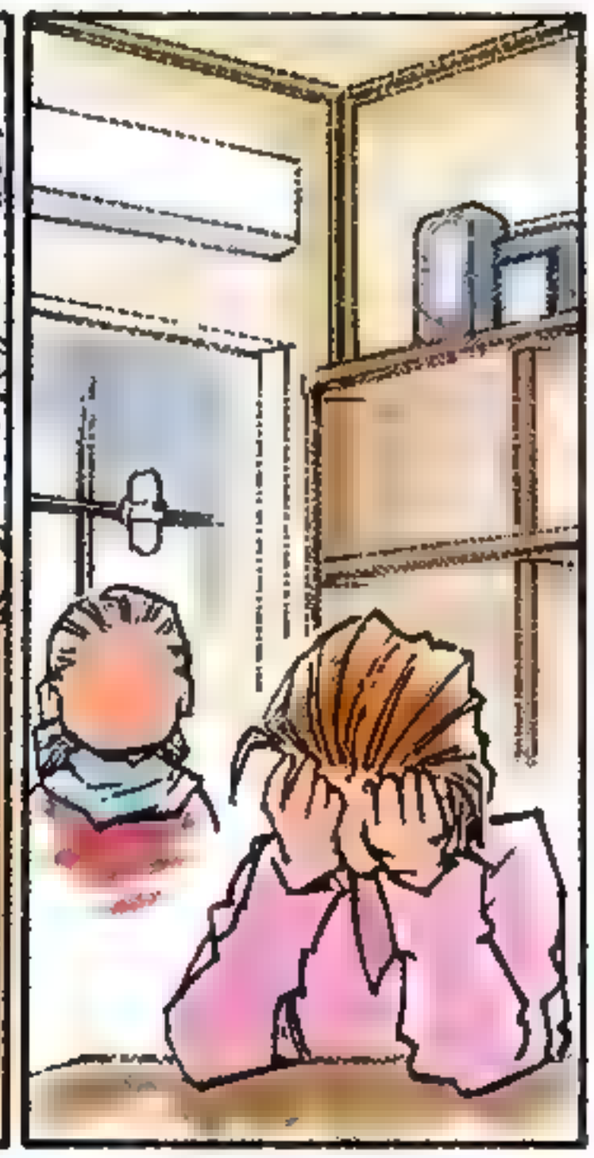

IT'S IN HIS BLOOD ...





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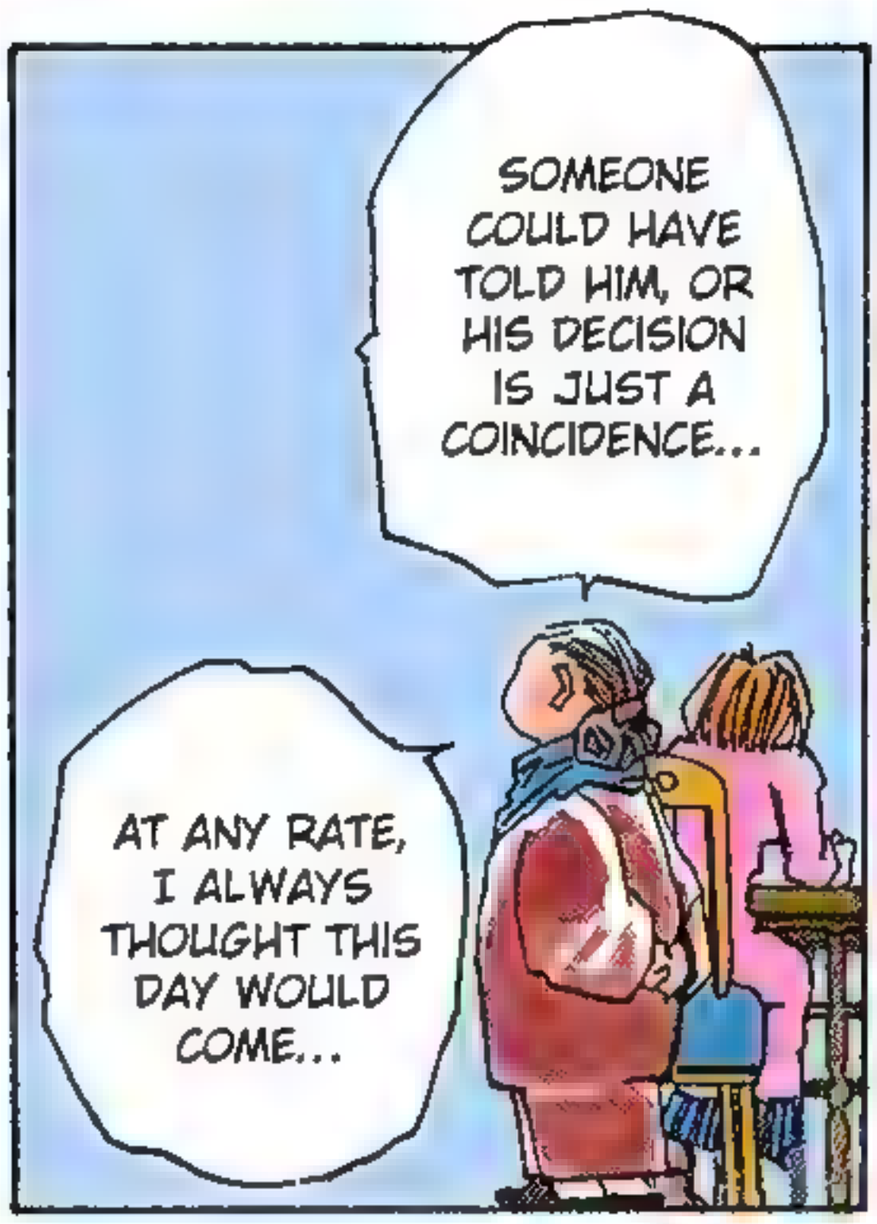
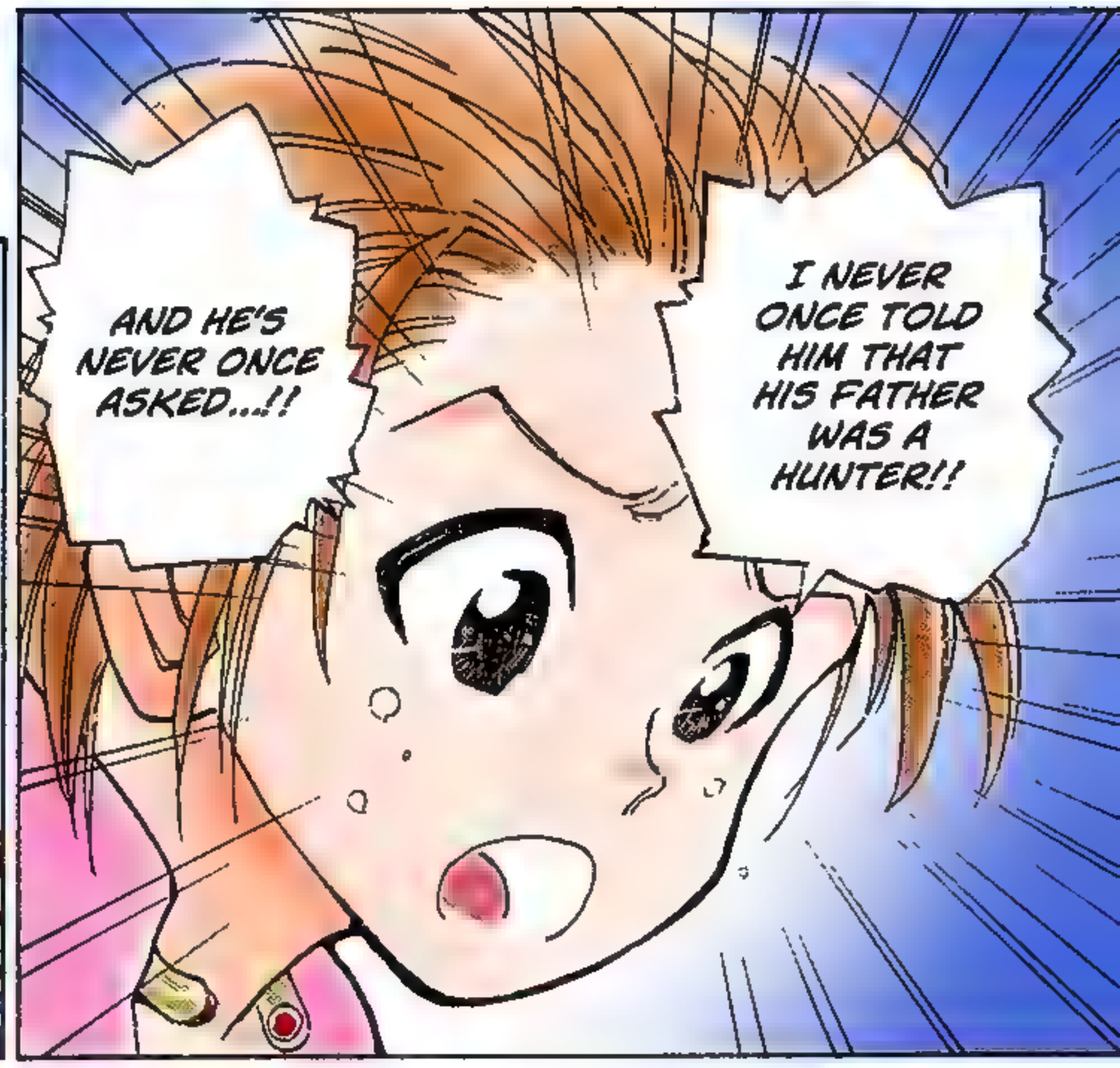
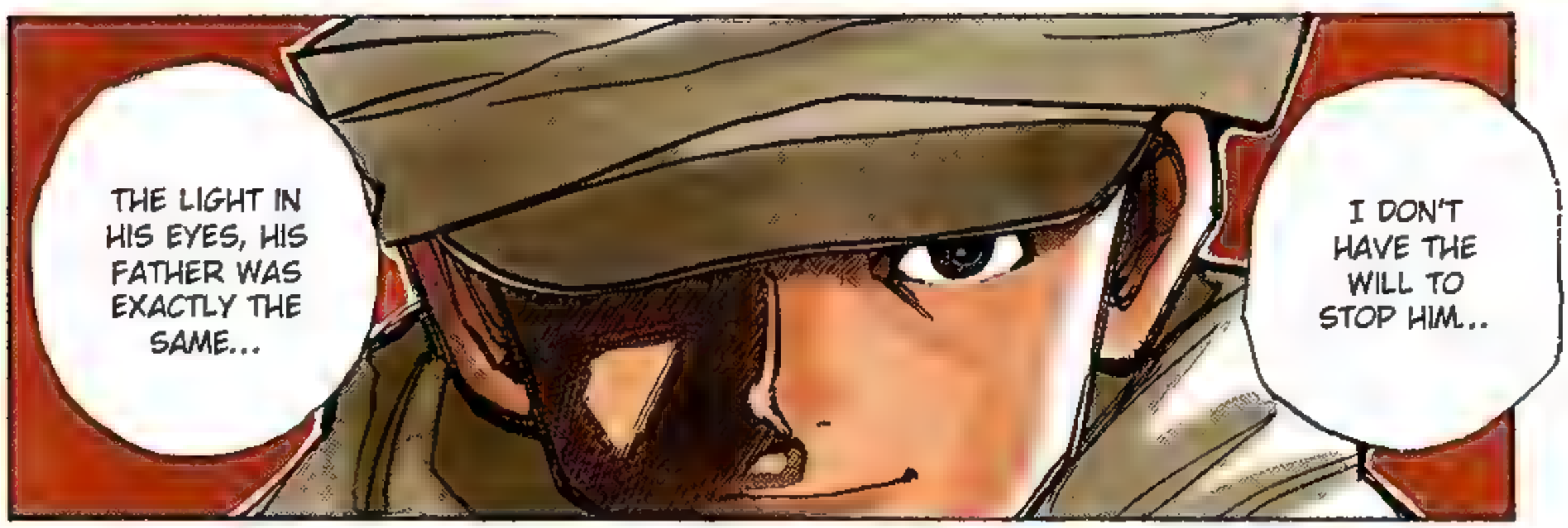
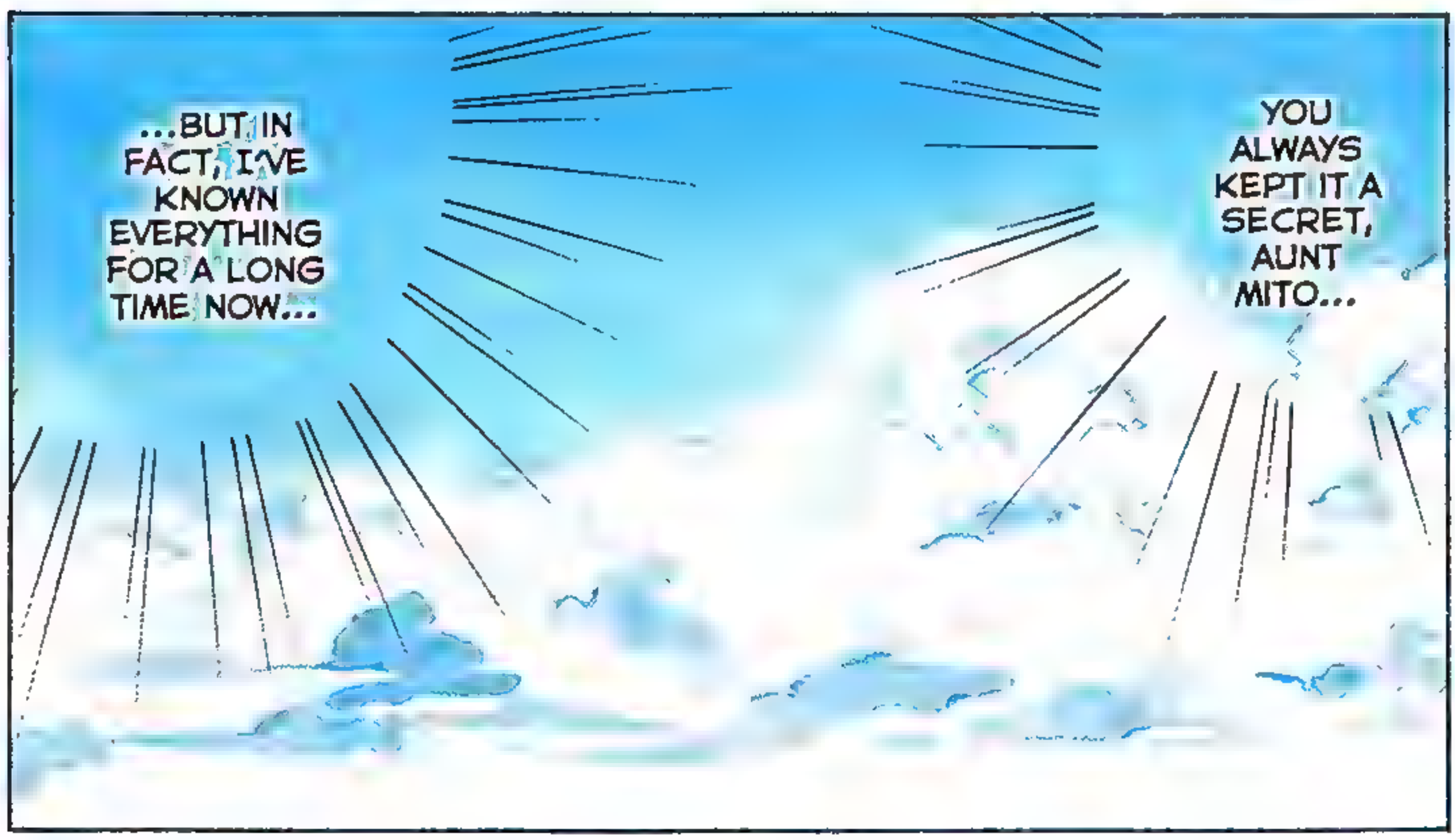
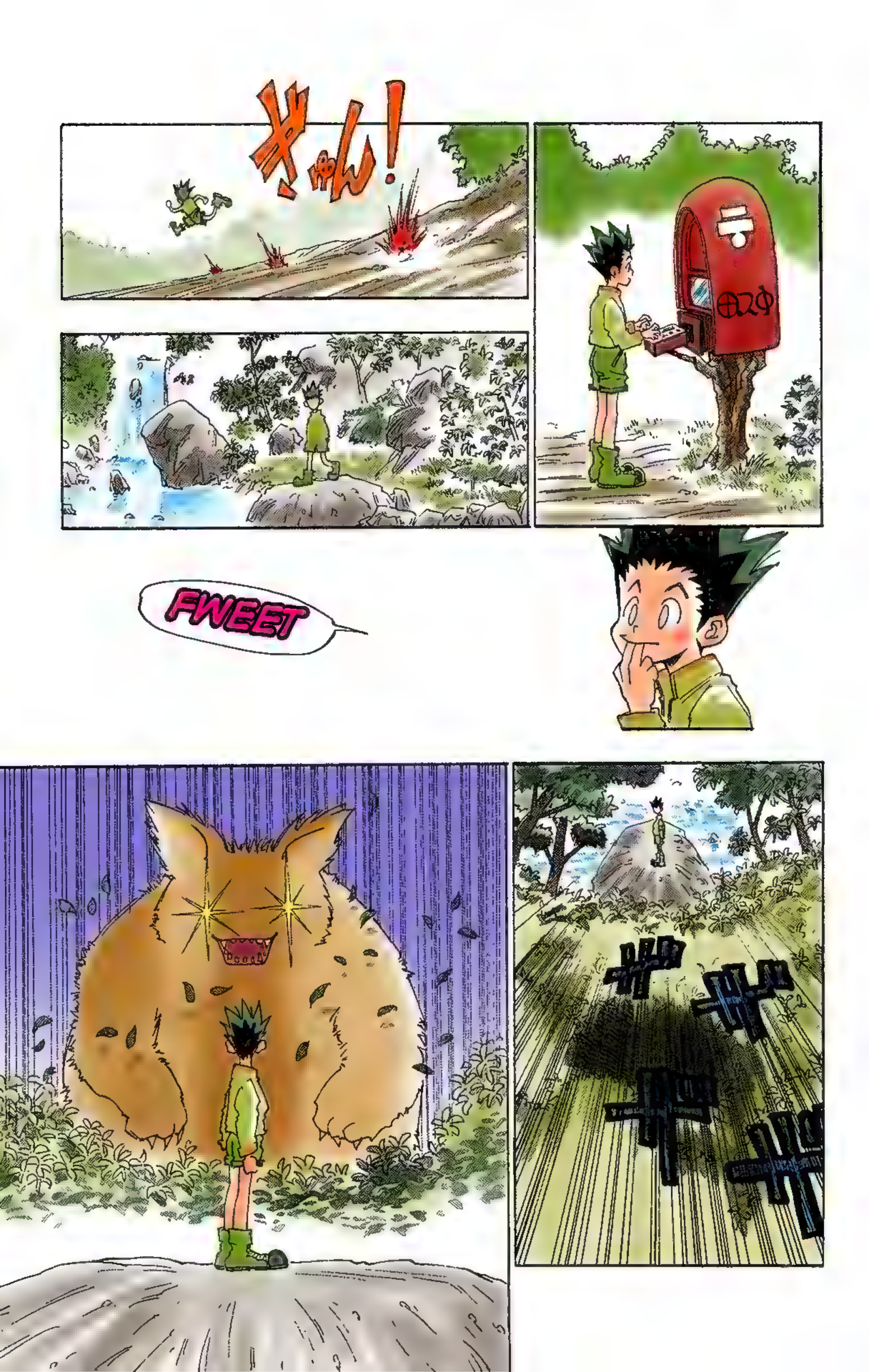
BUT HOW?!


SOMEONE COULD HAVE TOLD HIM, OR HIS DECISION IS JUST A COINCIDENCE...
AT ANY RATE, I ALWAYS THOUGHT THIS DAY WOULD COME...


AND HE'S NEVER ONCE ASKED...!!
I NEVER ONCE TOLD HIM THAT HIS FATHER WAS A HUNTER!!


THE LIGHT IN HIS EYES, HIS FATHER WAS EXACTLY THE SAME...
I DON'T HAVE THE WILL TO STOP HIM...


...BUT IN FACT, I'VE KNOWN EVERYTHING FOR A LONG TIME NOW...
YOU ALWAYS KEPT IT A SECRET, AUNT MITO...


FWEET

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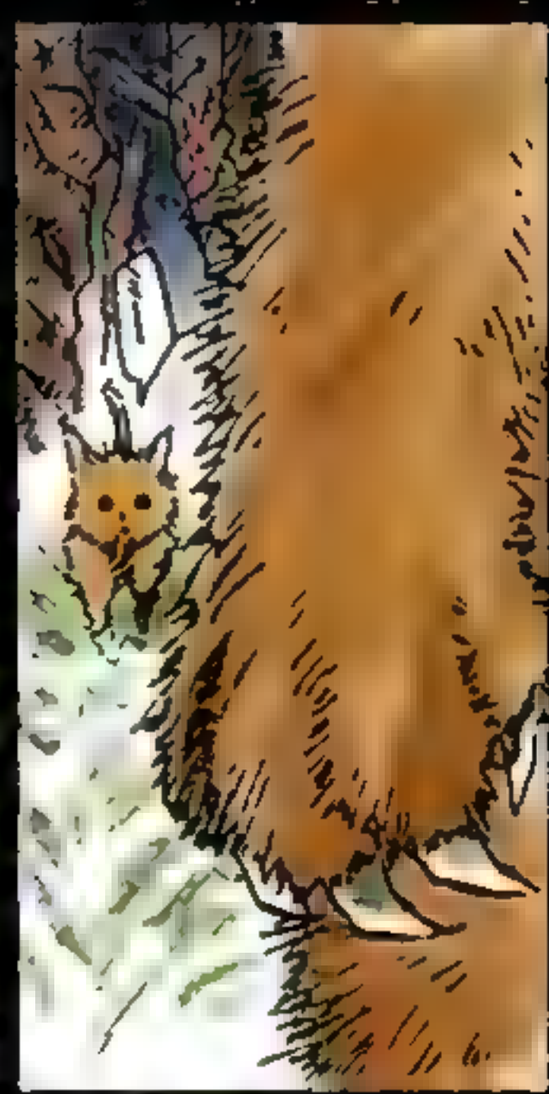
THREE YEARS AGO...



GRAAUGH!!!
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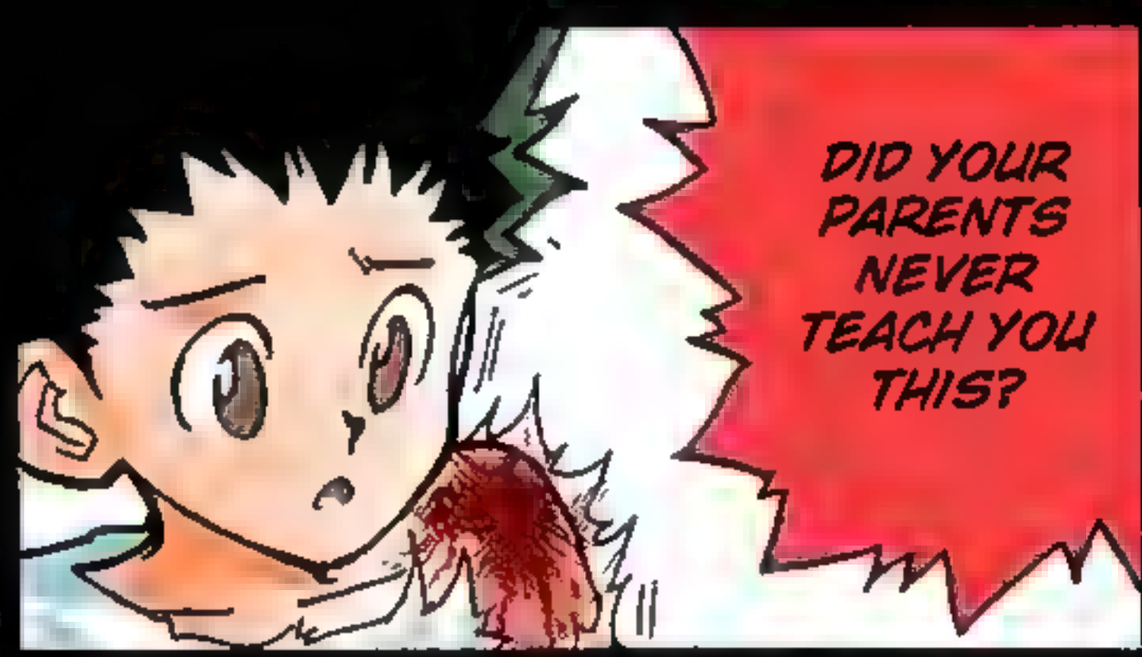
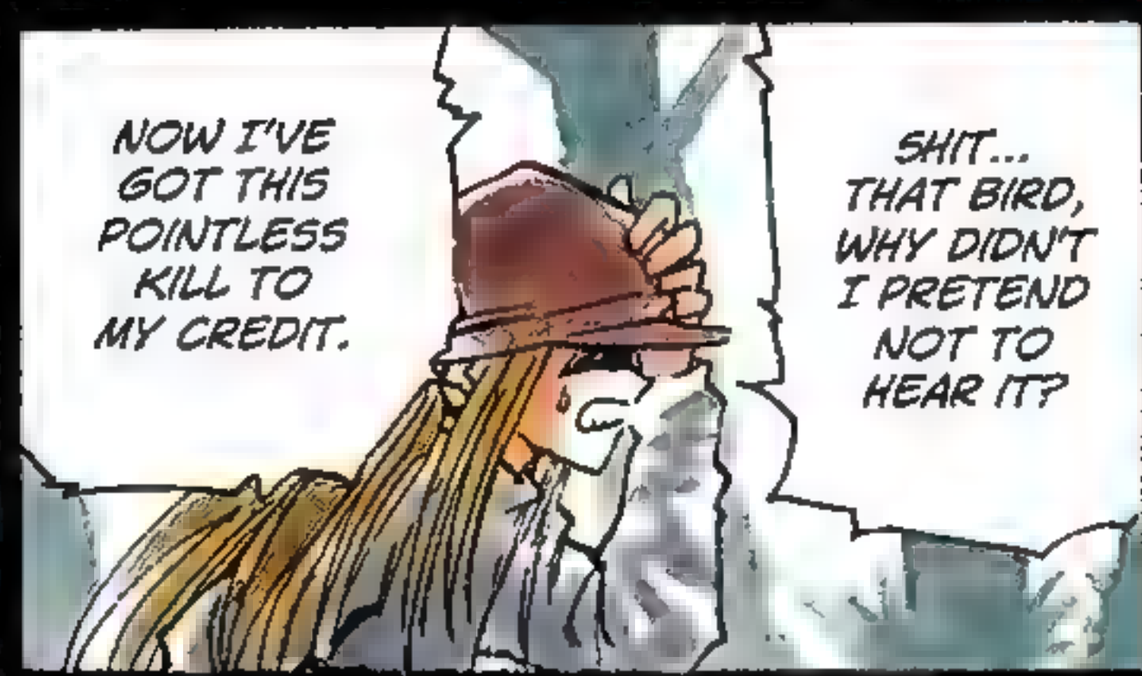
I'M NOT HAPPY TO HAVE TO DO THIS, BUT SUCH A BEAST WHO TRIES TO KILL A HUMAN...
A FOXBEAR AND HER CUB.
...CAN'T BE LEFT ALIVE.
UMM...
YEAH ...
CAN YOU STAND?

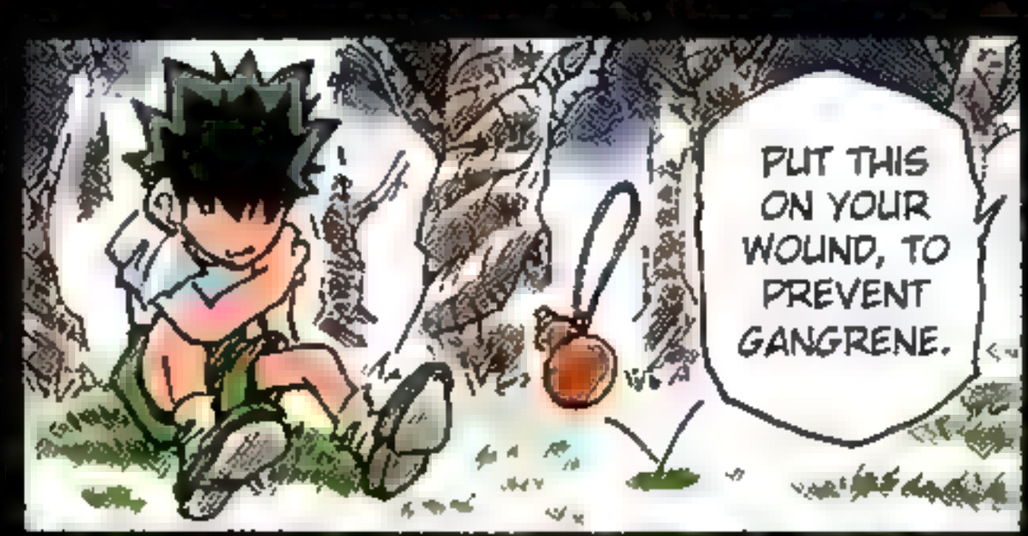
DON'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO WANDER AROUND A SNAKE BEECH FOREST THIS TIME OF YEAR?!
YOU IDIOT!!


DID YOUR PARENTS NEVER TEACH YOU THIS?

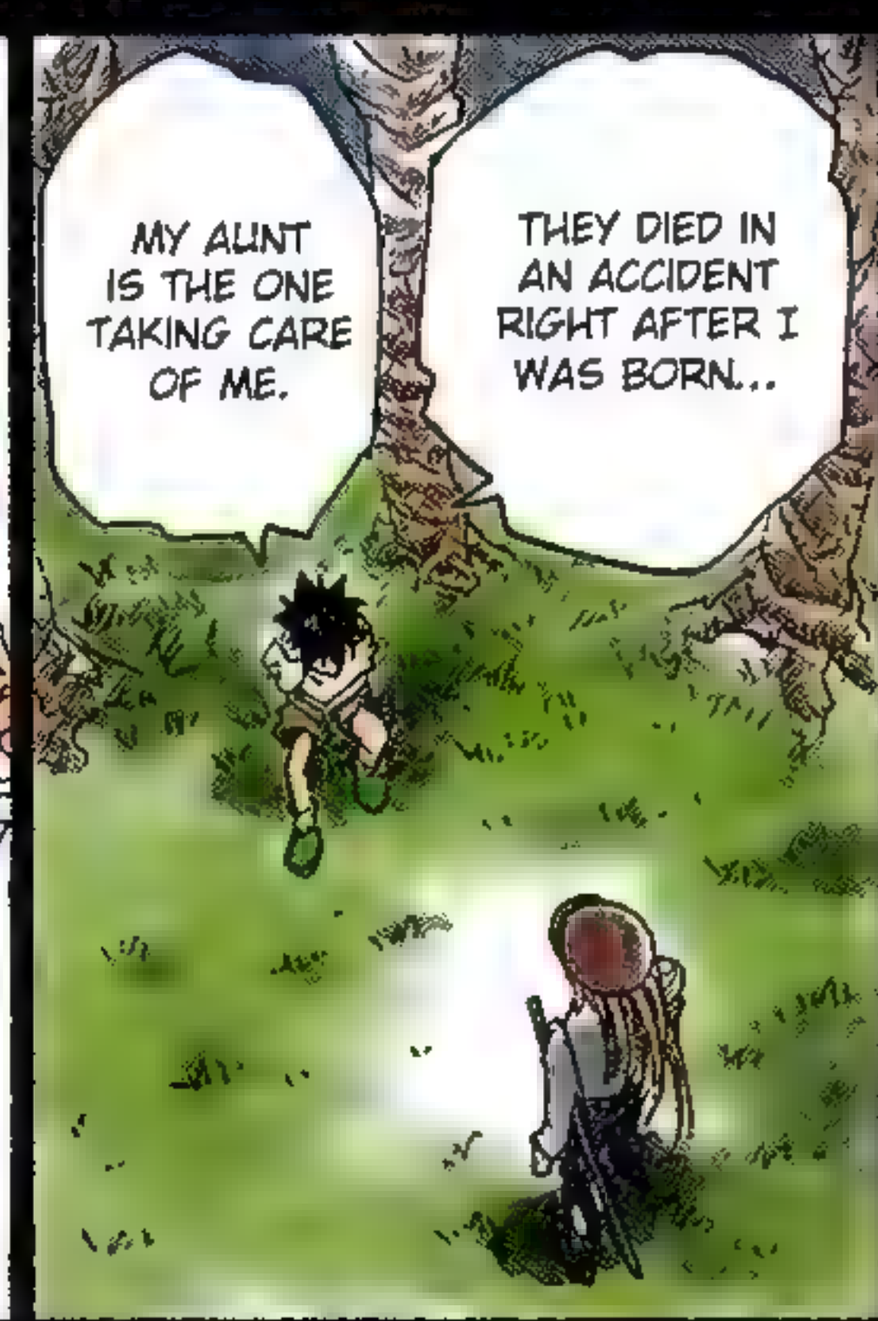
LOOK! THAT SIGN IS A TERRITORIAL MARK LEFT BY A FOXBEAR! YOU CAN SEE IT, CAN'T YOU?!
ANY ANIMAL SEEING THAT WOULD RUN TO ANOTHER AREA UNTIL THE WHELPING SEASON PASSES!


NOW I'VE GOT THIS POINTLESS KILL TO MY CREDIT.
SHIT... THAT BIRD, WHY DIDN'T I PRETEND NOT TO HEAR IT?

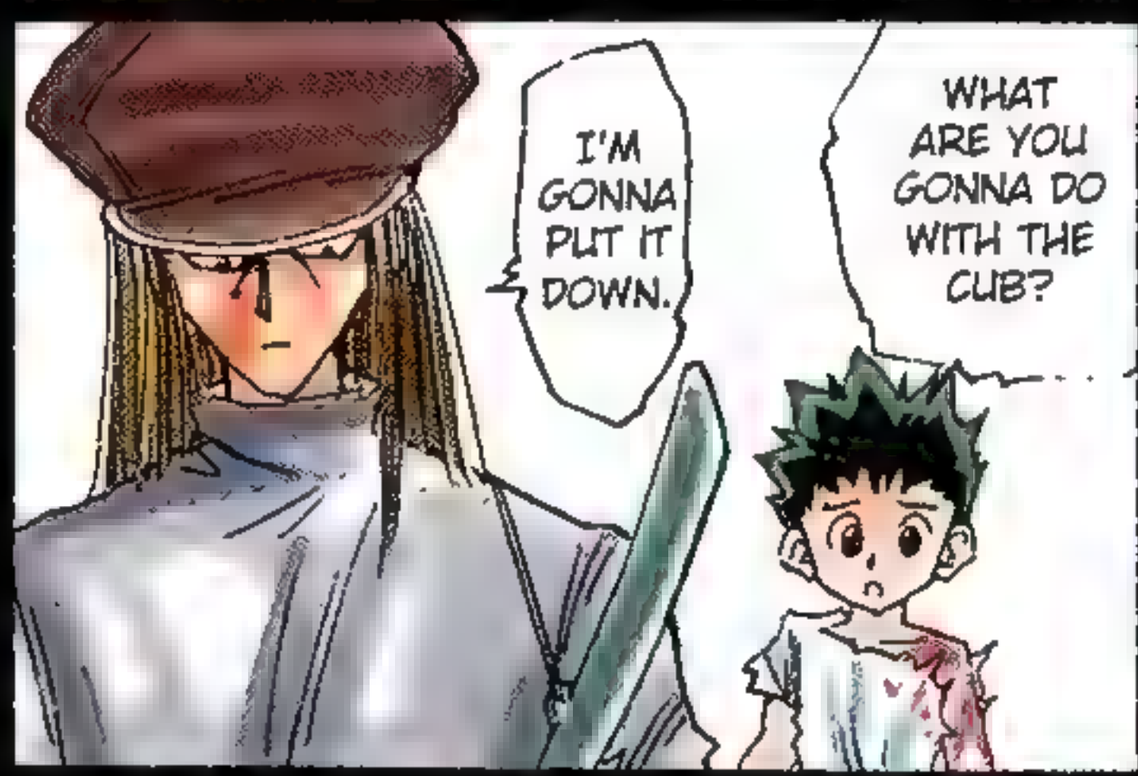
I HAVE NO FATHER... AND NO MOTHER EITHER...


PUT THIS ON YOUR WOUND, TO PREVENT GANGRENE.

OH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.


MY AUNT IS THE ONE TAKING CARE OF ME.
THEY DIED IN AN ACCIDENT RIGHT AFTER I WAS BORN...

MEW!!
MEW!


I'M GONNA PUT IT DOWN.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH THE CUB?

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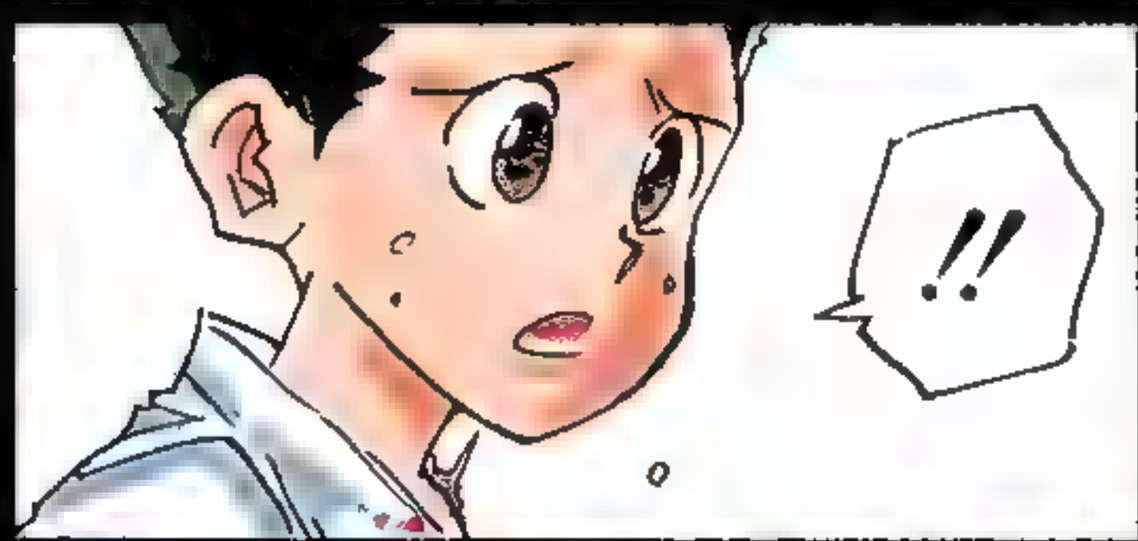
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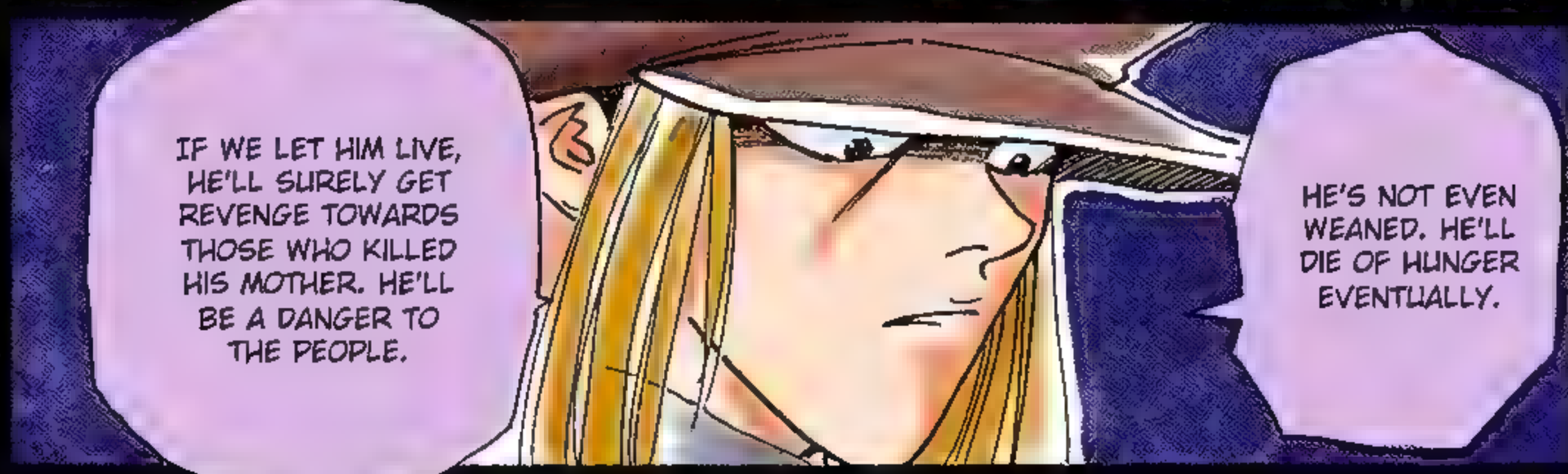
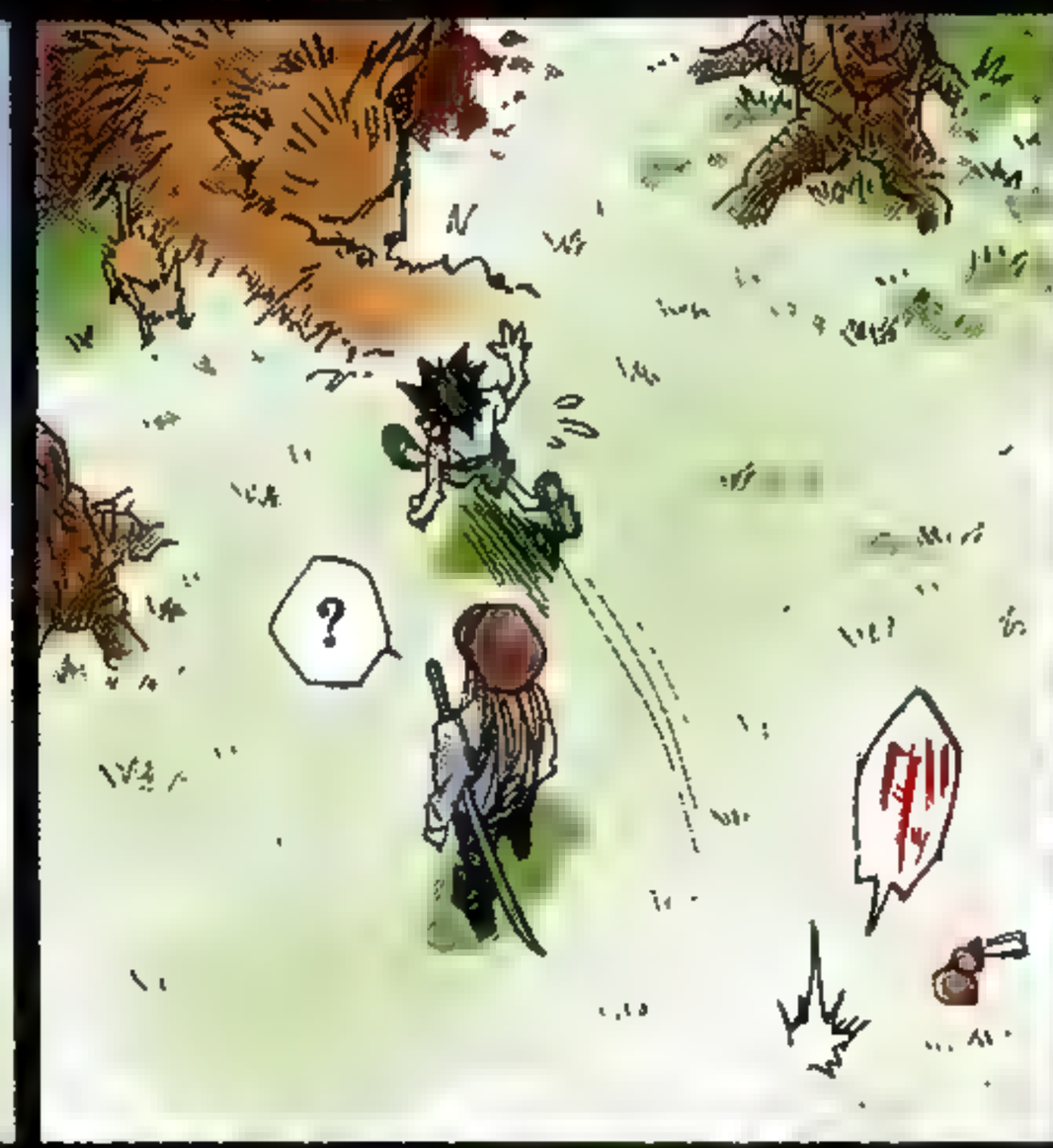

IF WE LET HIM LIVE, HE'LL SURELY GET REVENGE TOWARDS THOSE WHO KILLED HIS MOTHER. HE'LL BE A DANGER TO THE PEOPLE.
HE'S NOT EVEN WEANED. HE'LL DIE OF HUNGER EVENTUALLY.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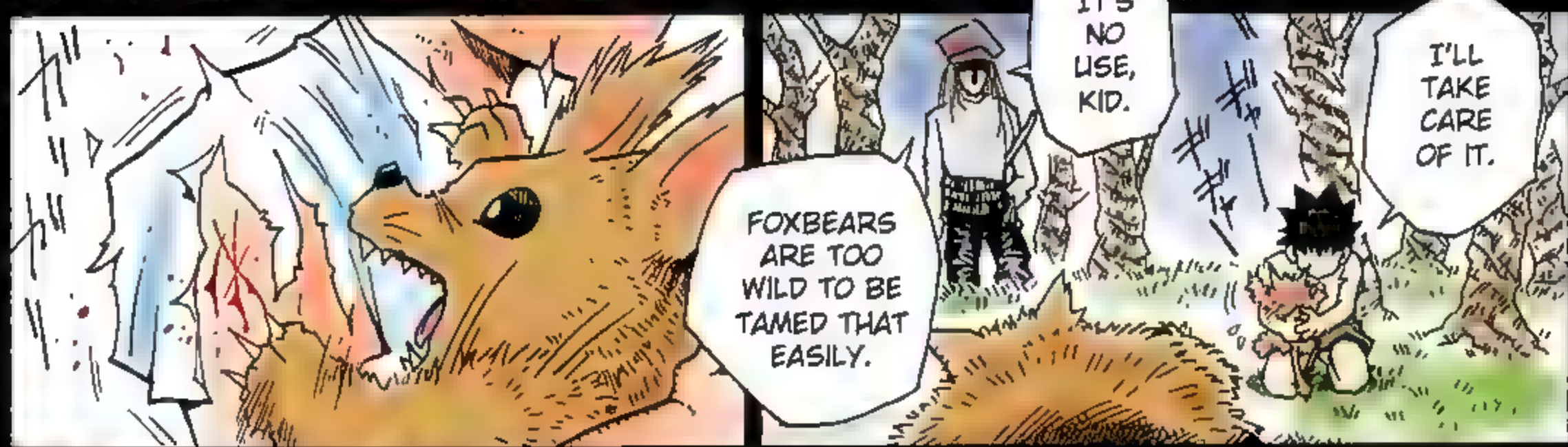
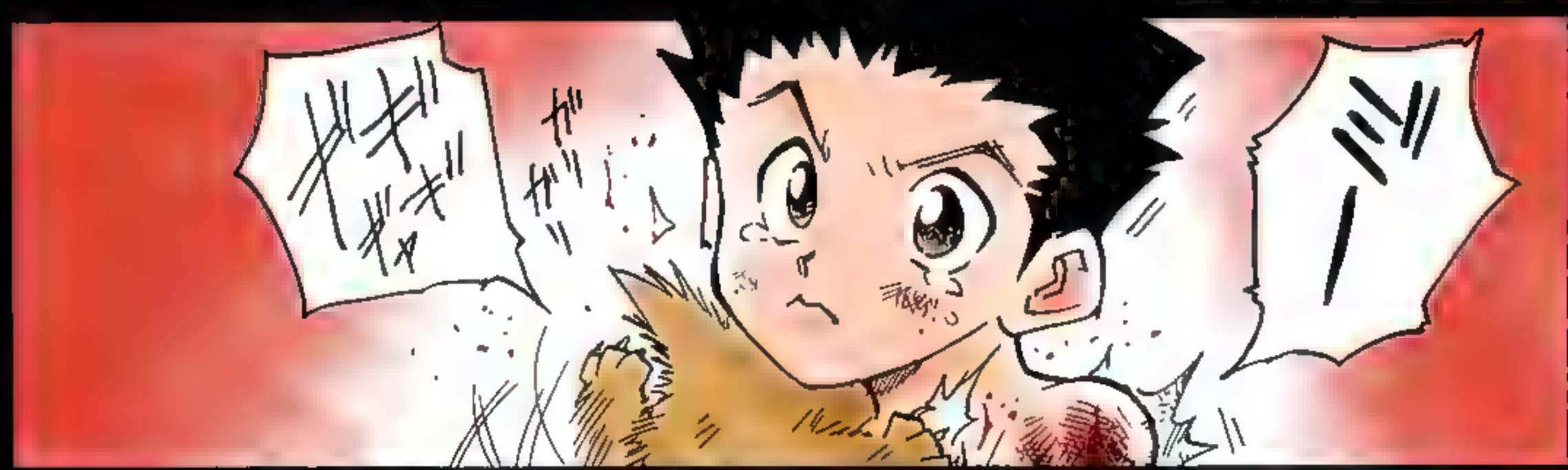
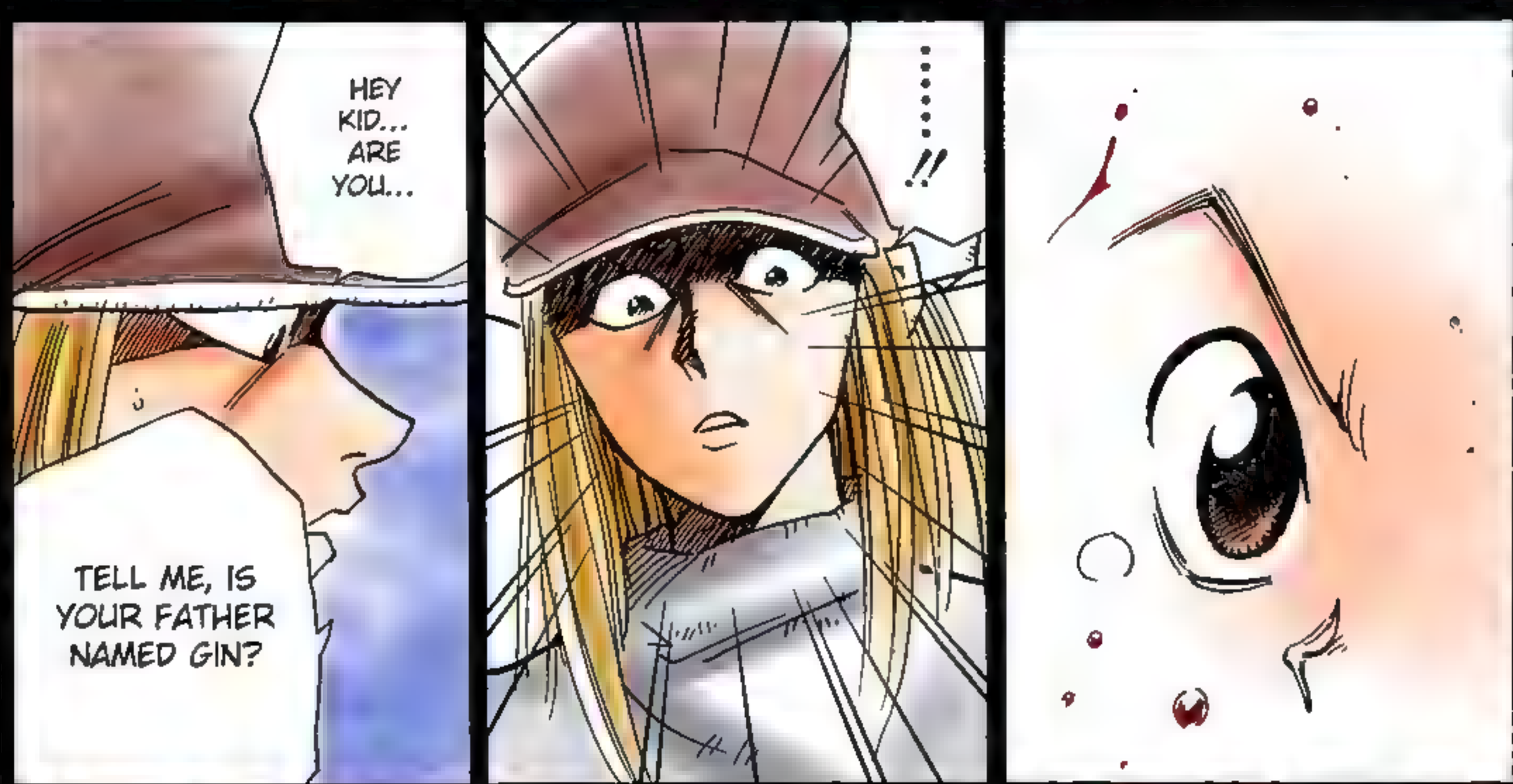

FOXBEARS ARE TOO WILD TO BE TAMED THAT EASILY.
IT'S NO USE, KID.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.




HEY KID... ARE YOU...
TELL ME, IS YOUR FATHER NAMED GIN?
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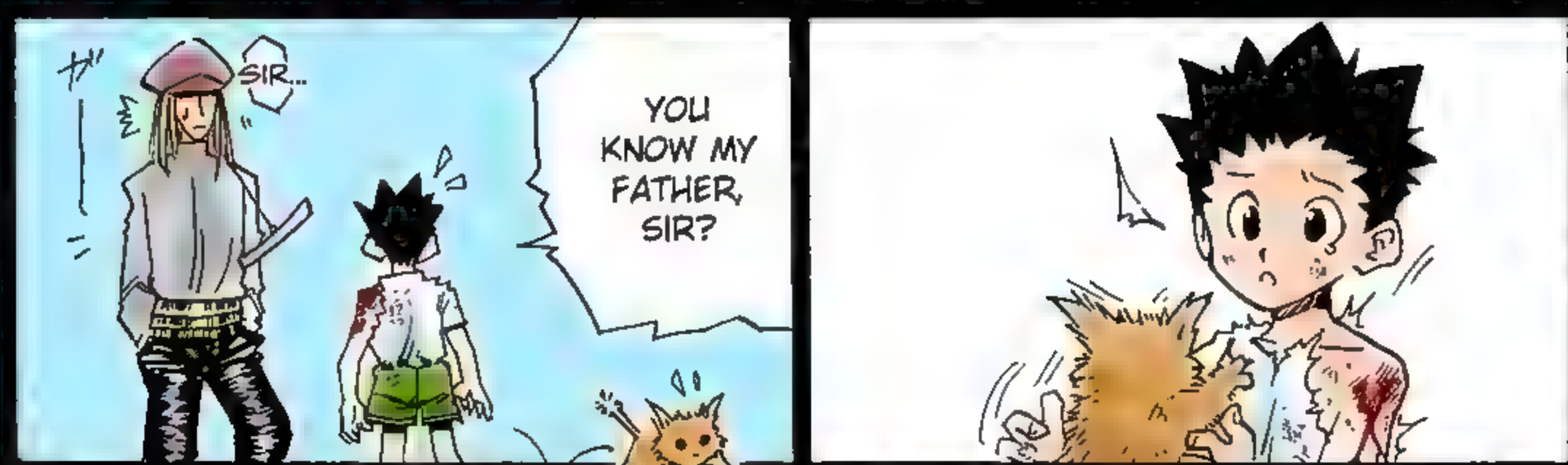
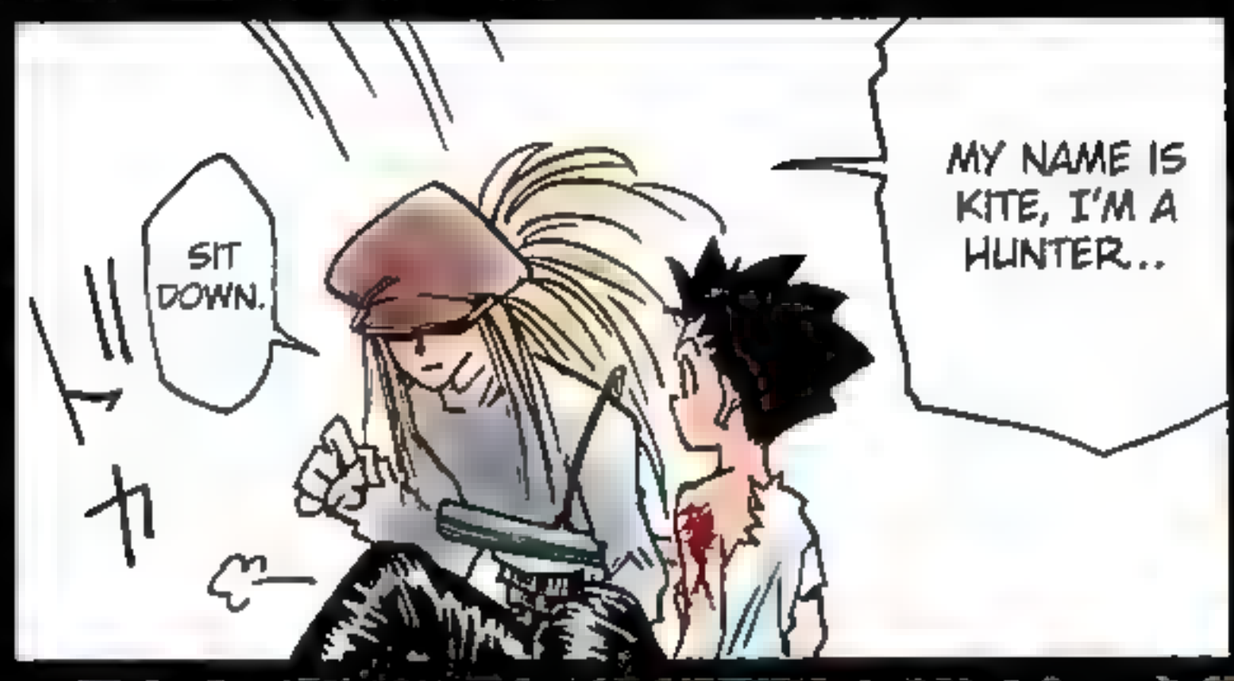
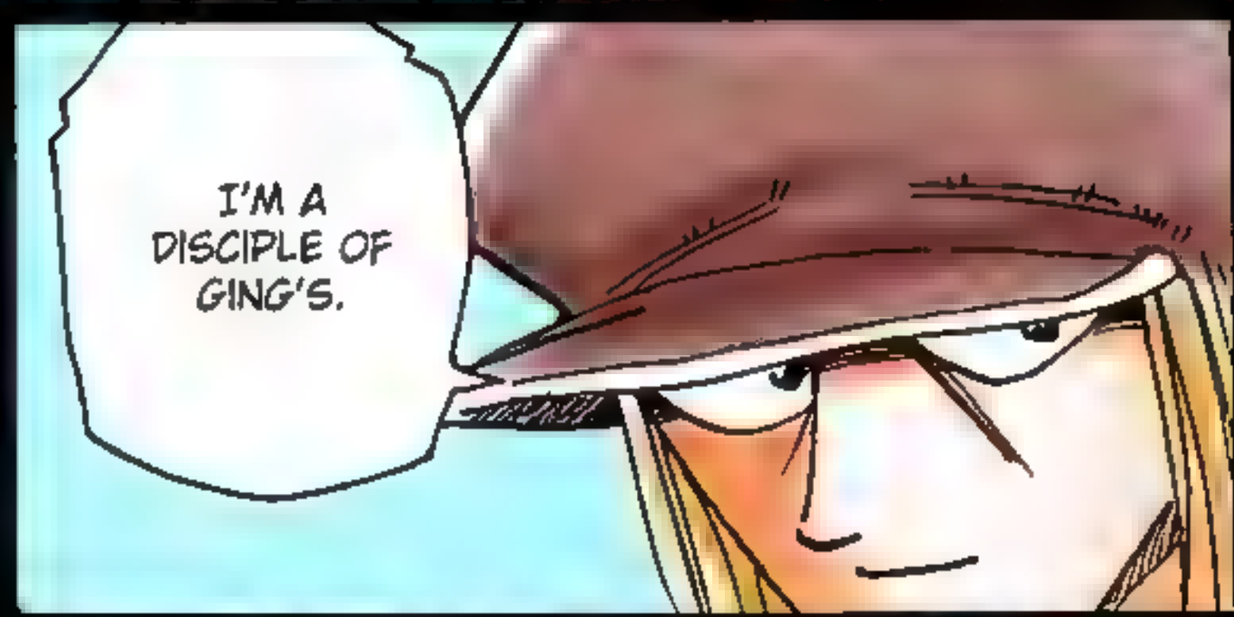
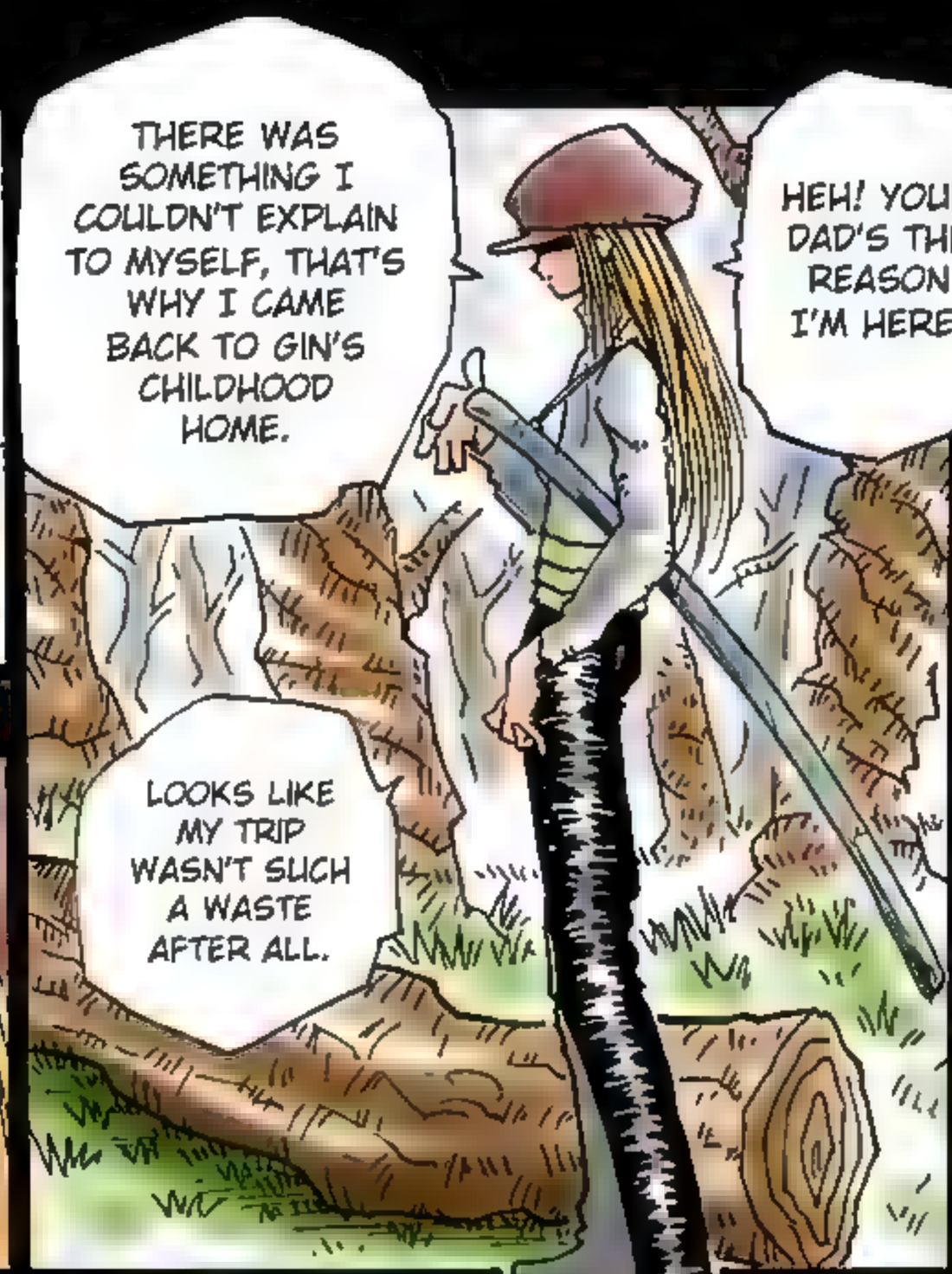
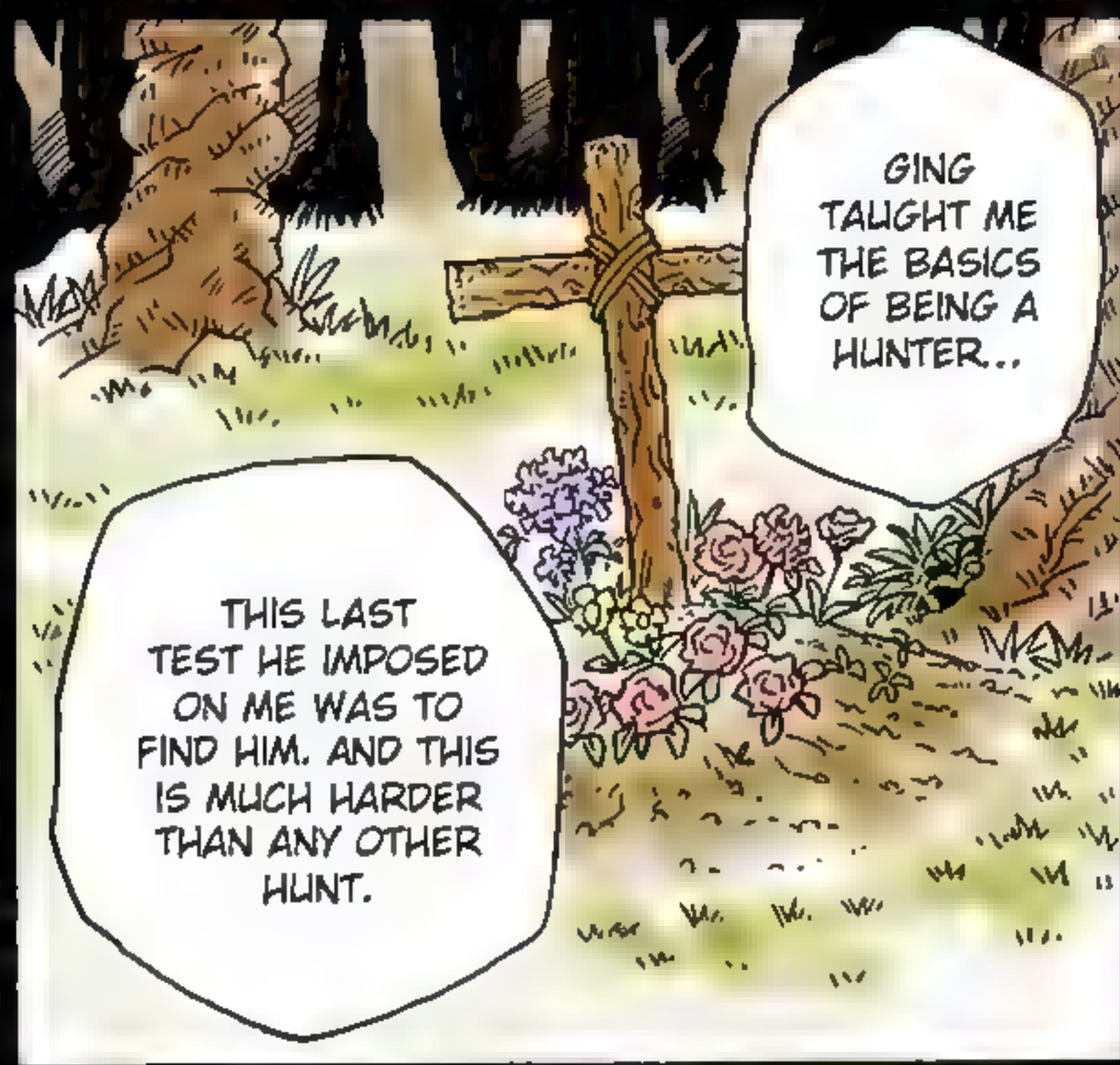

SIR...
YOU! KNOW MY FATHER, SIR?


SIT DOWN.
MY NAME IS KITE, I'M A HUNTER...


I'M A DISCIPLE OF GING'S.


THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULDN'T EXPLAIN TO MYSELF, THAT'S WHY I CAME BACK TO GIN'S CHILDHOOD HOME.
HEH! YOUR DAD'S THE REASON I'M HERE.
LOOKS LIKE MY TRIP WASN'T SUCH A WASTE AFTER ALL.


GING TAUGHT ME THE BASICS OF BEING A HUNTER...
THIS LAST TEST HE IMPOSED ON ME WAS TO FIND HIM. AND THIS IS MUCH HARDER THAN ANY OTHER HUNT.

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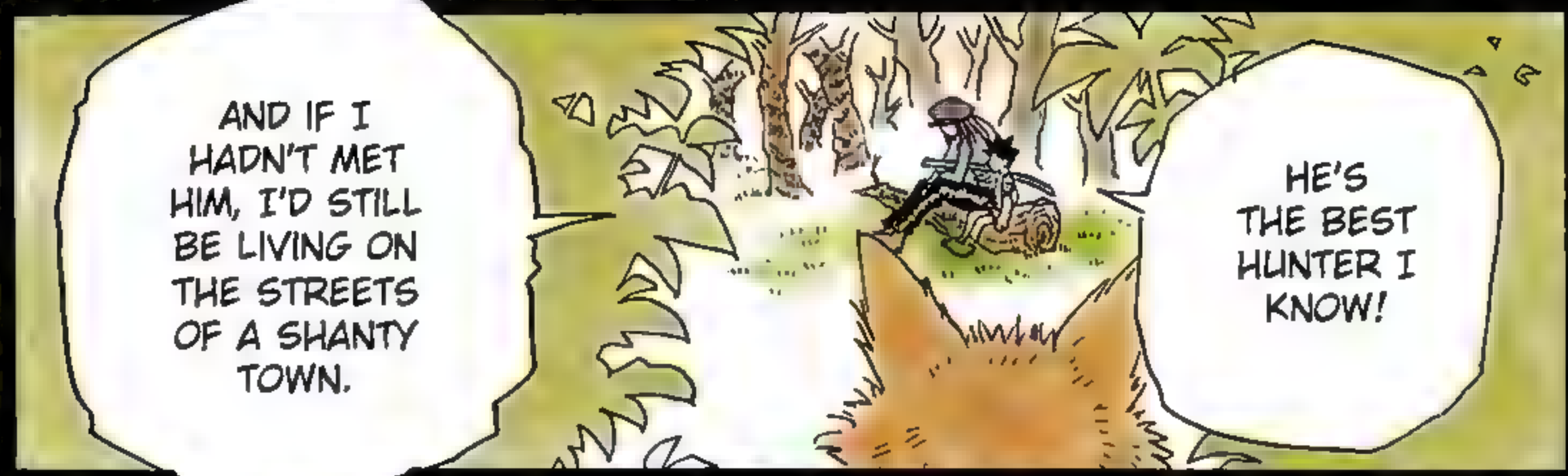
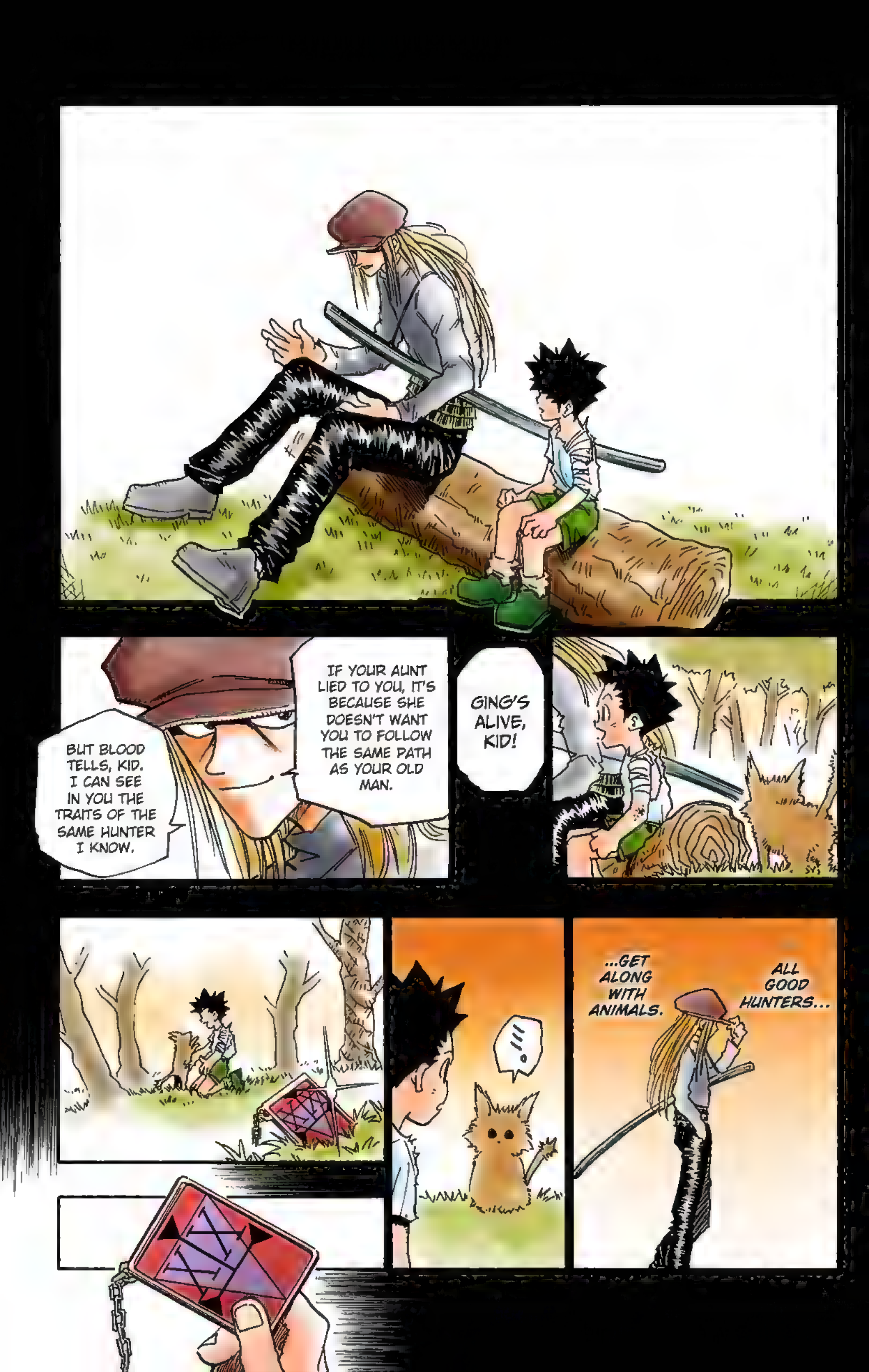
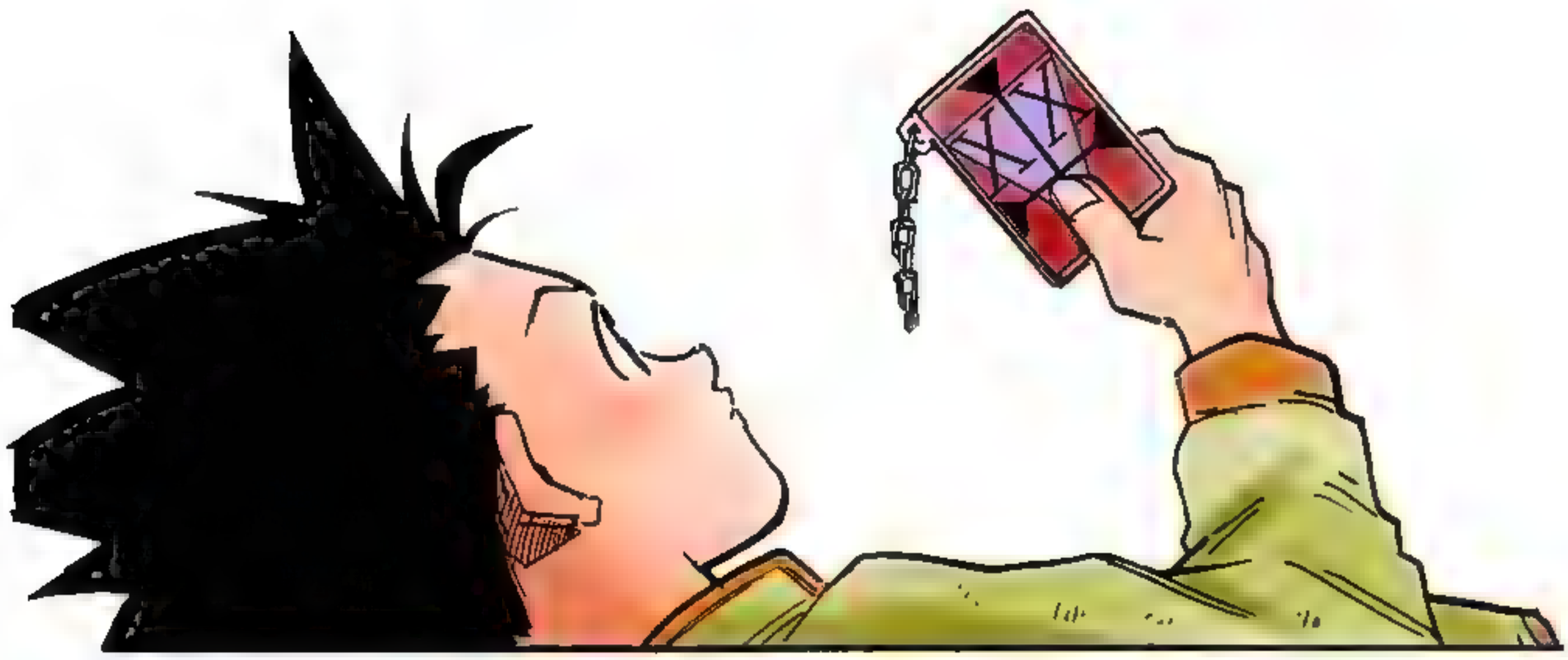
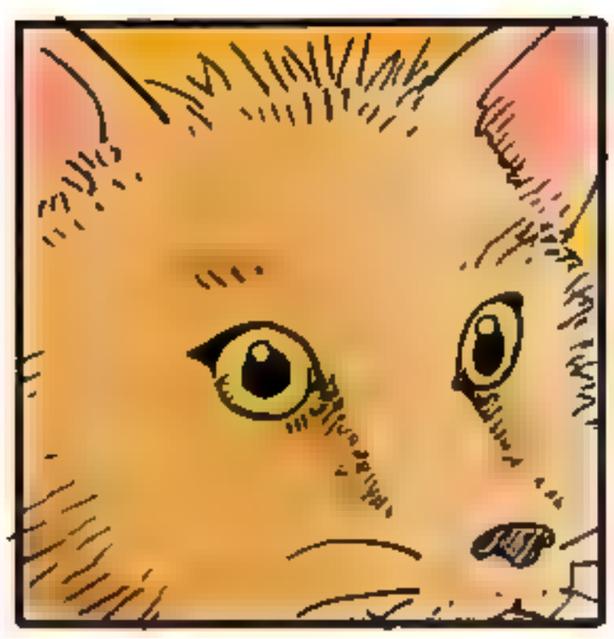
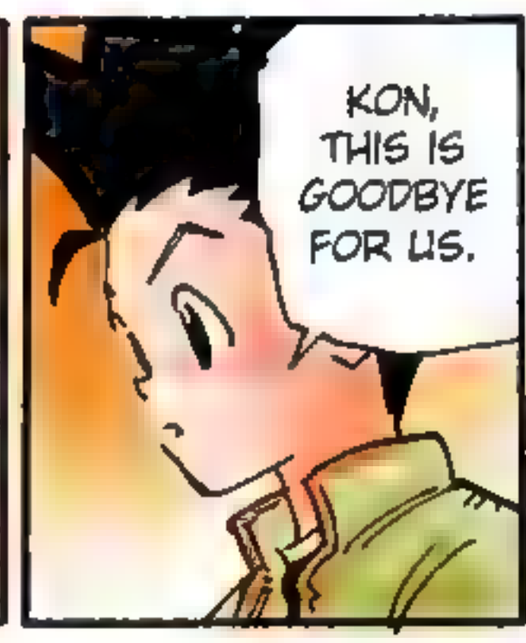
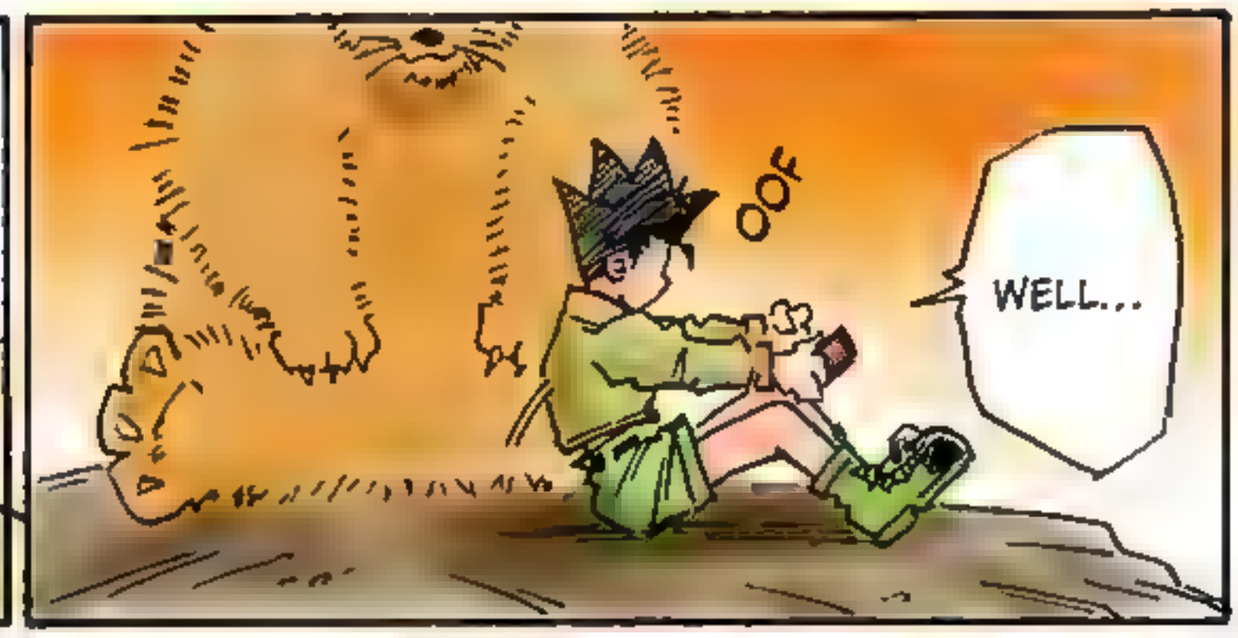

AND IF I HADN'T MET HIM, I'D STILL BE LIVING ON THE STREETS OF A SHANTY TOWN.
HE'S THE BEST HUNTER I KNOW!


BUT BLOOD TELLS, KID. I CAN SEE IN YOU THE TRAITS OF THE SAME HUNTER I KNOW.
IF YOUR AUNT LIED TO YOU, IT'S BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO FOLLOW THE SAME PATH AS YOUR OLD MAN.
GING'S ALIVE, KID!
...GET ALONG WITH ANIMALS.
ALL GOOD HUNTERS...






KON, THIS IS GOODBYE FOR US.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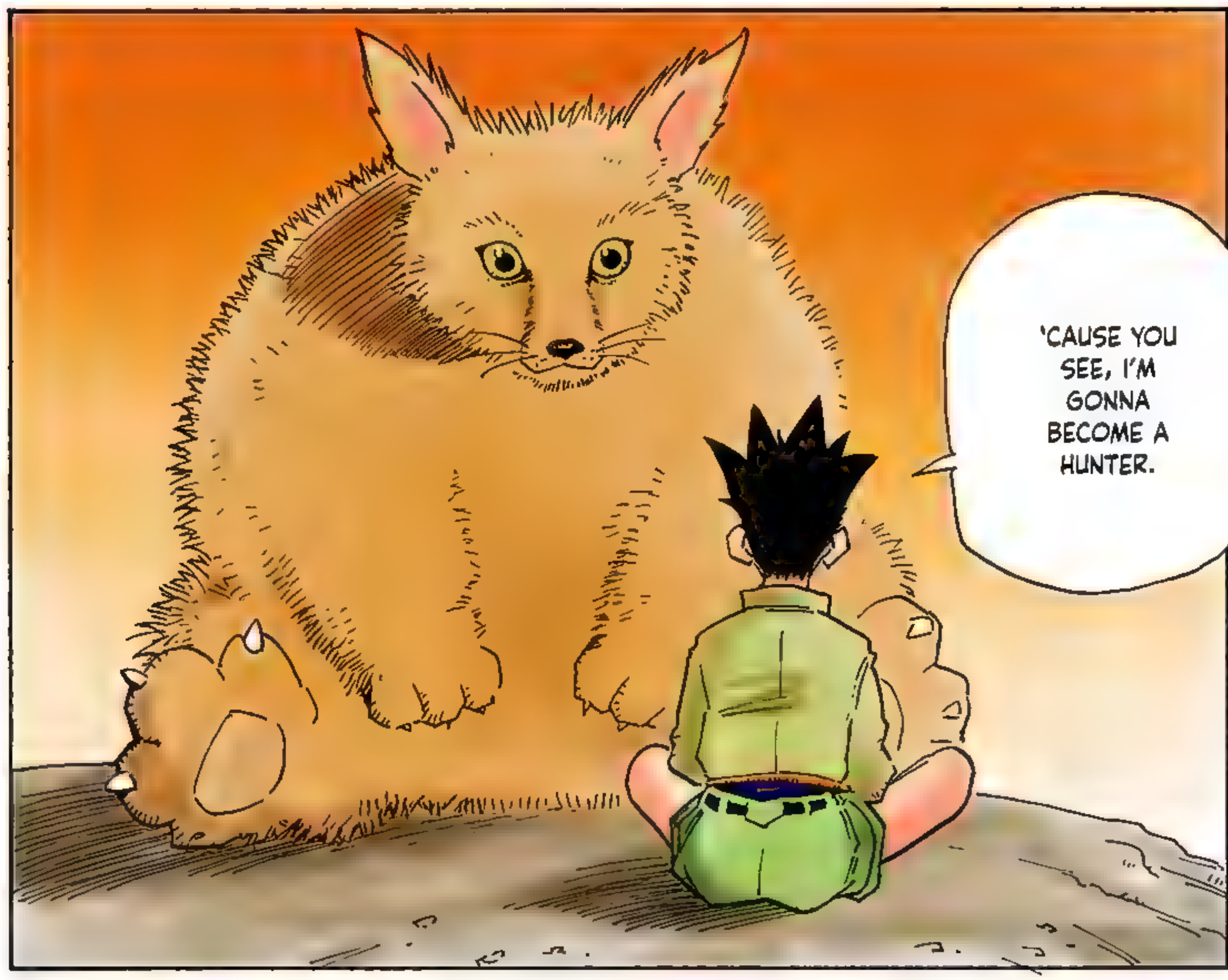
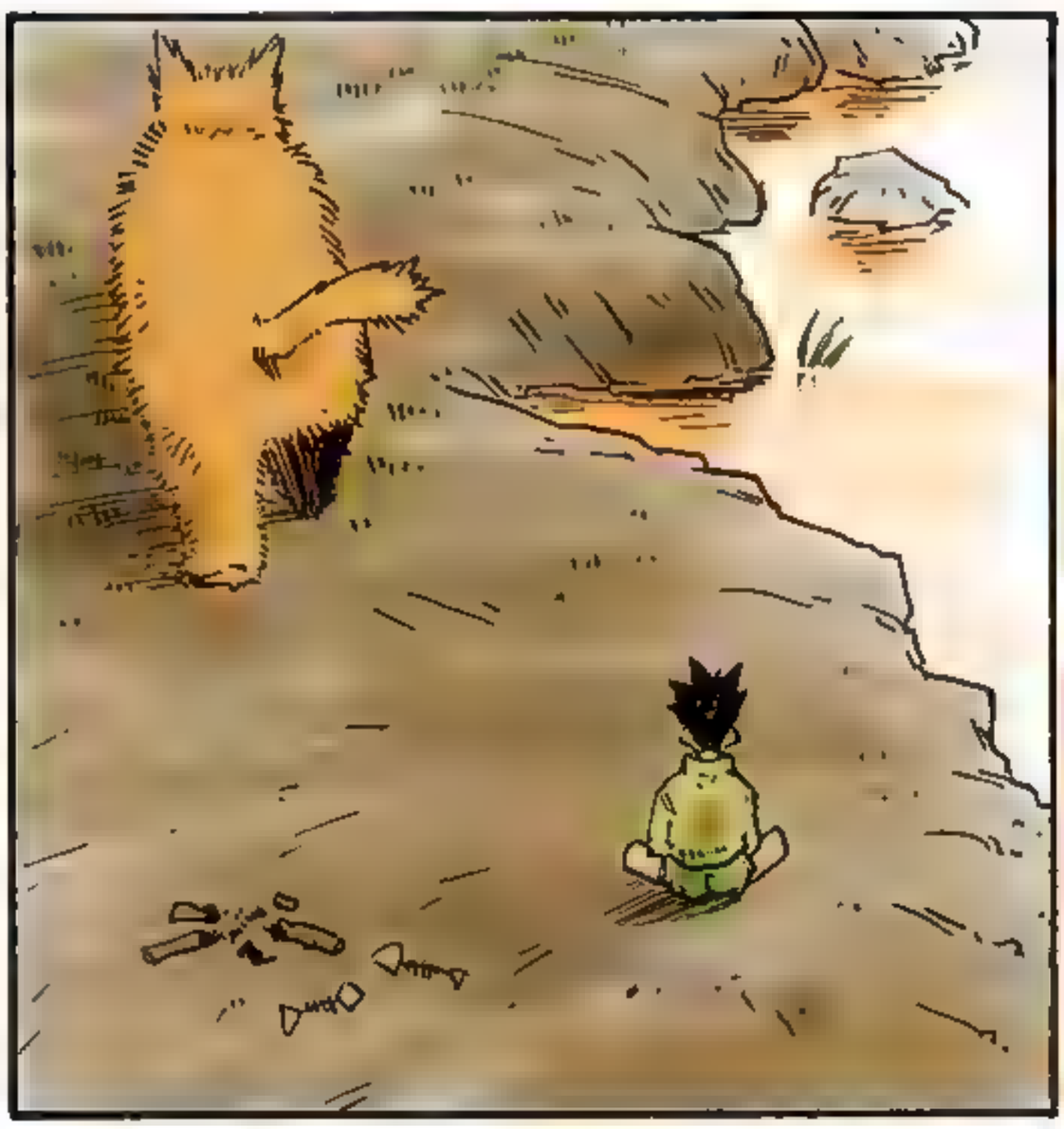
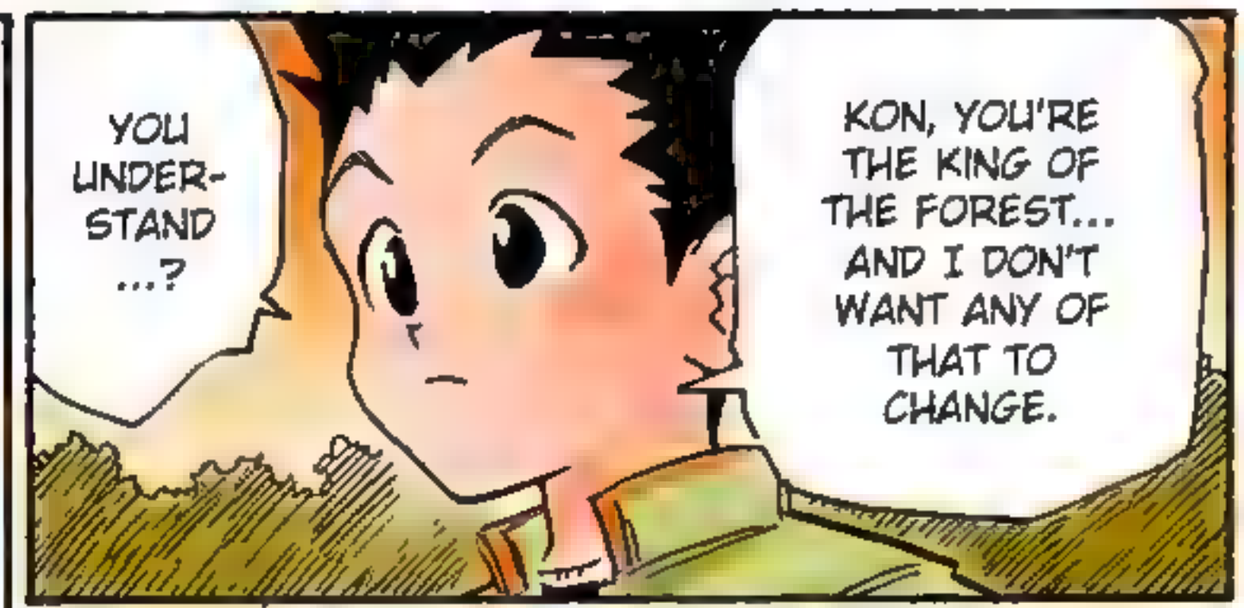
WELL...

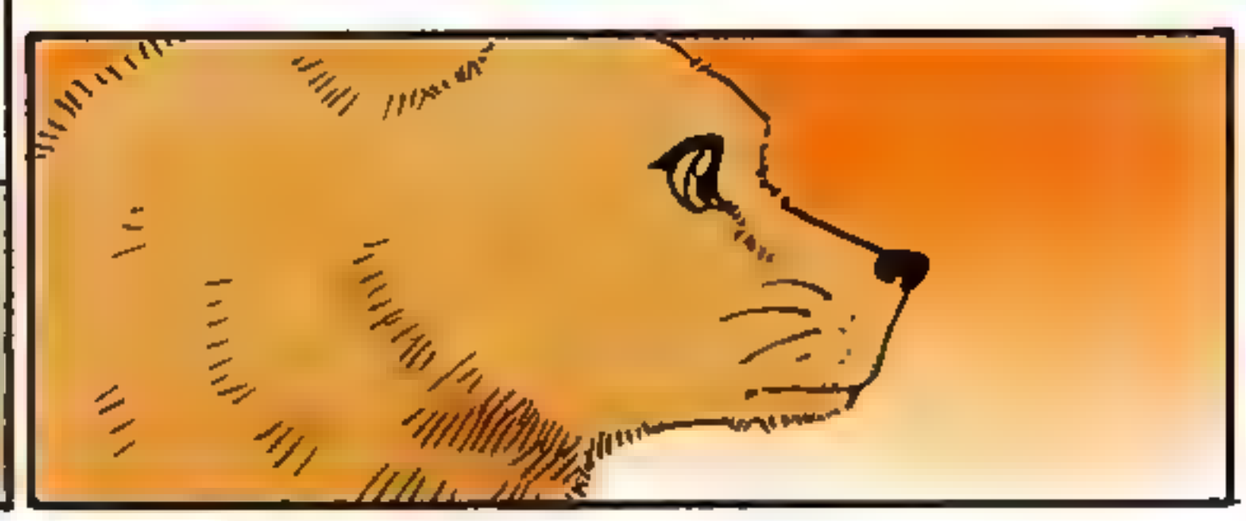

'CAUSE YOU SEE, I'M GONNA BECOME A HUNTER.

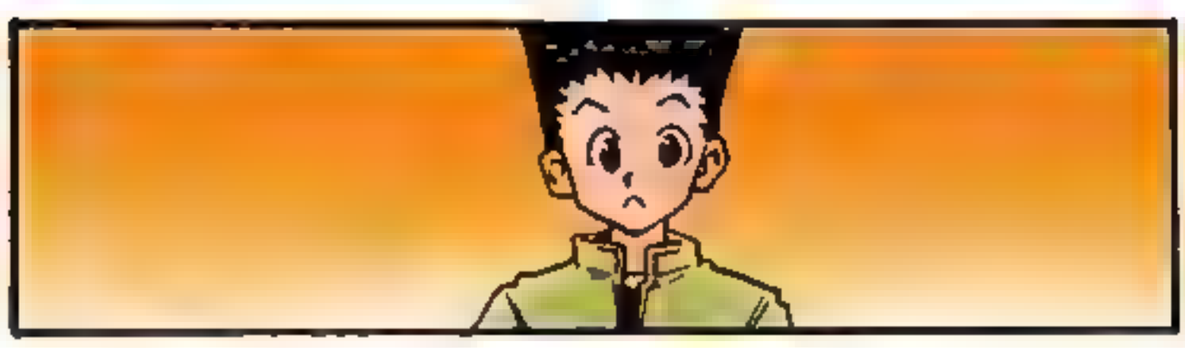
THAT'S WHY AN ANIMAL THAT GETS ALONG WITH A HUNTER WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REIGN IN A FOREST.

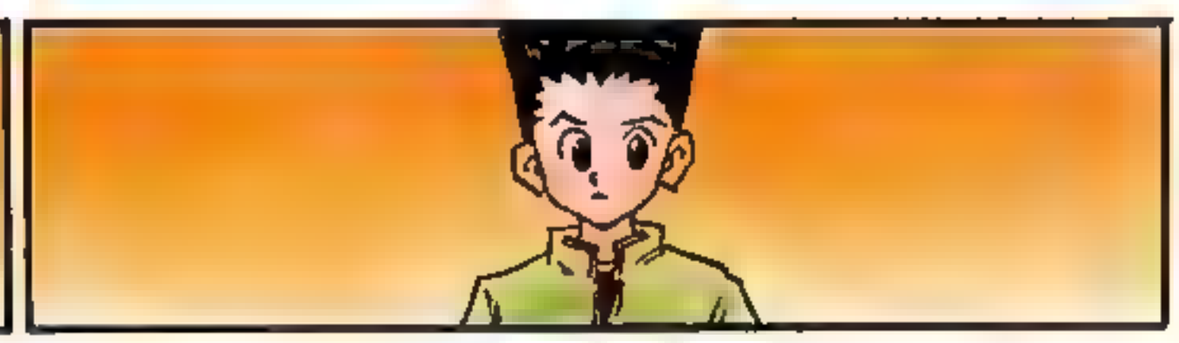
A HUNTER MUST BE FEARED BY ANIMALS IN FORESTS, AND MUST DO WORK THAT OTHERS HATE THEM FOR.



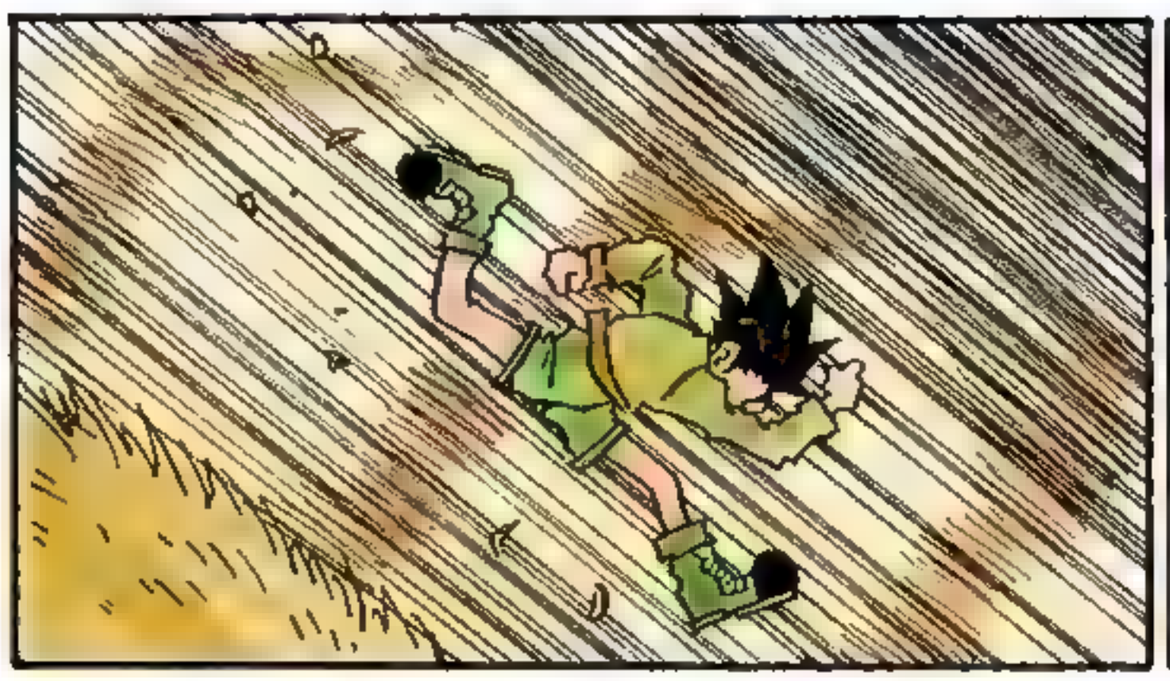


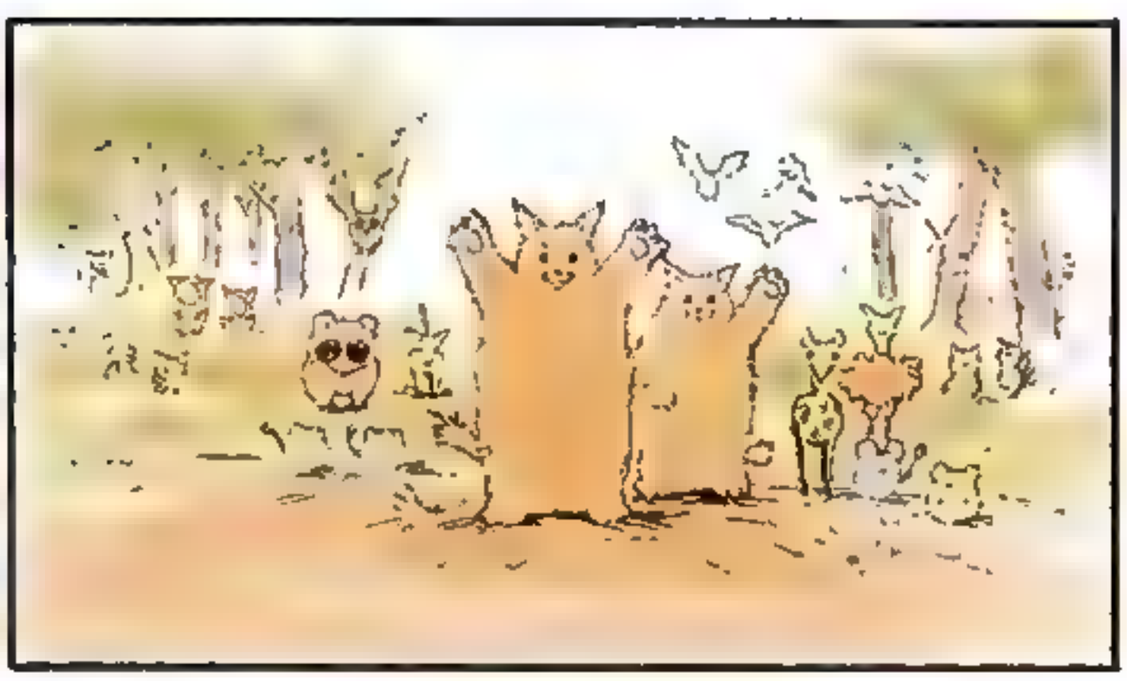


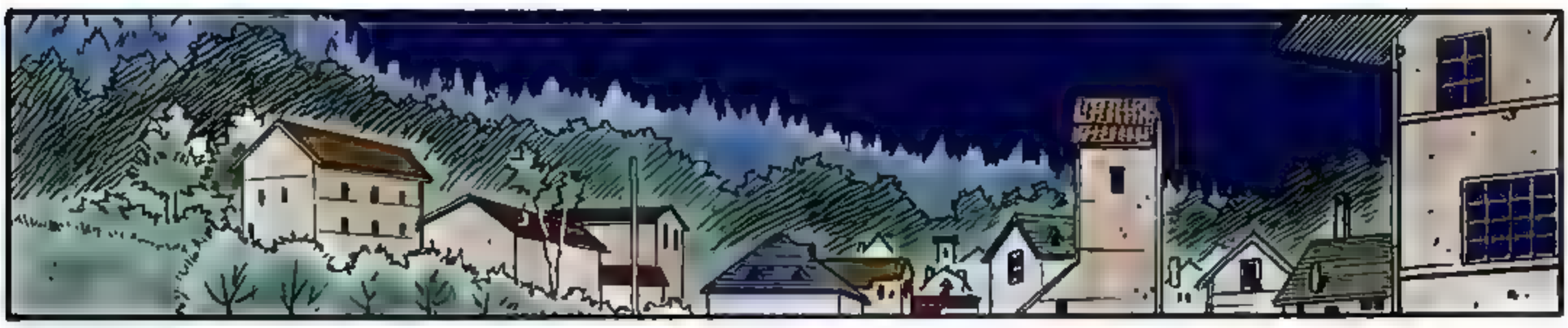


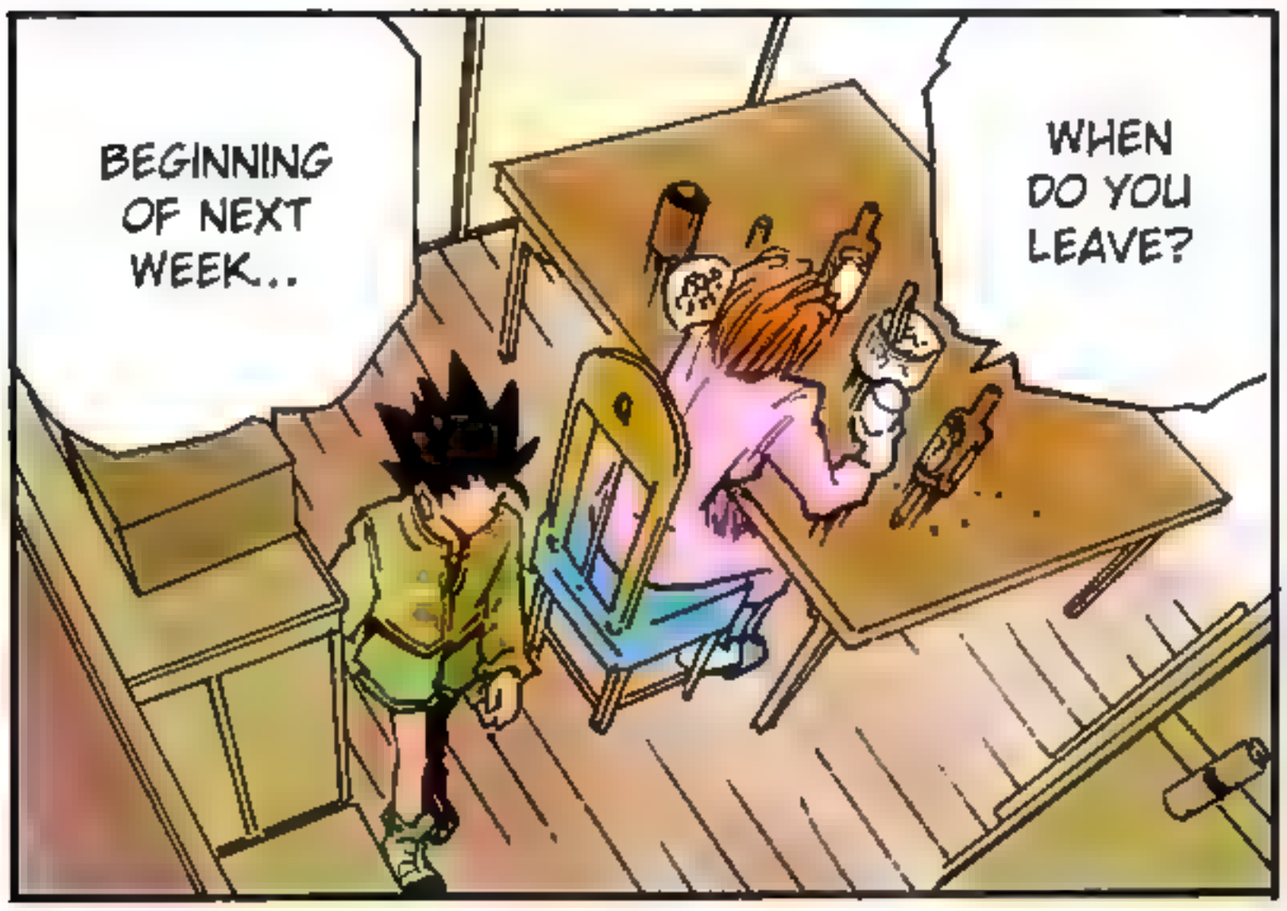


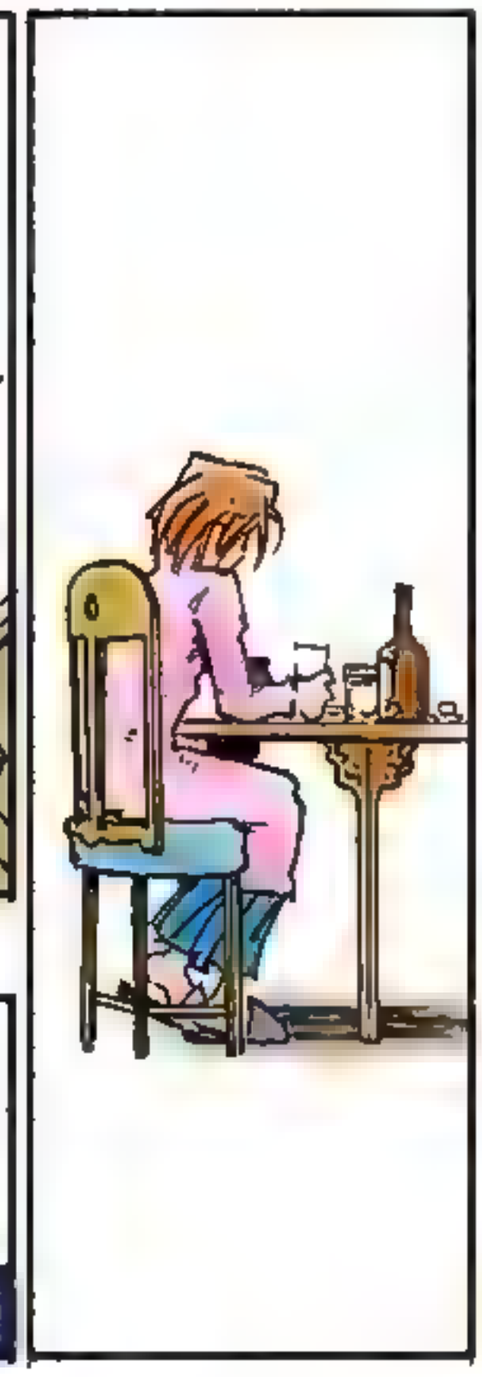
BYE KON! YOU TAKE CARE, YOU HEAR ME?!

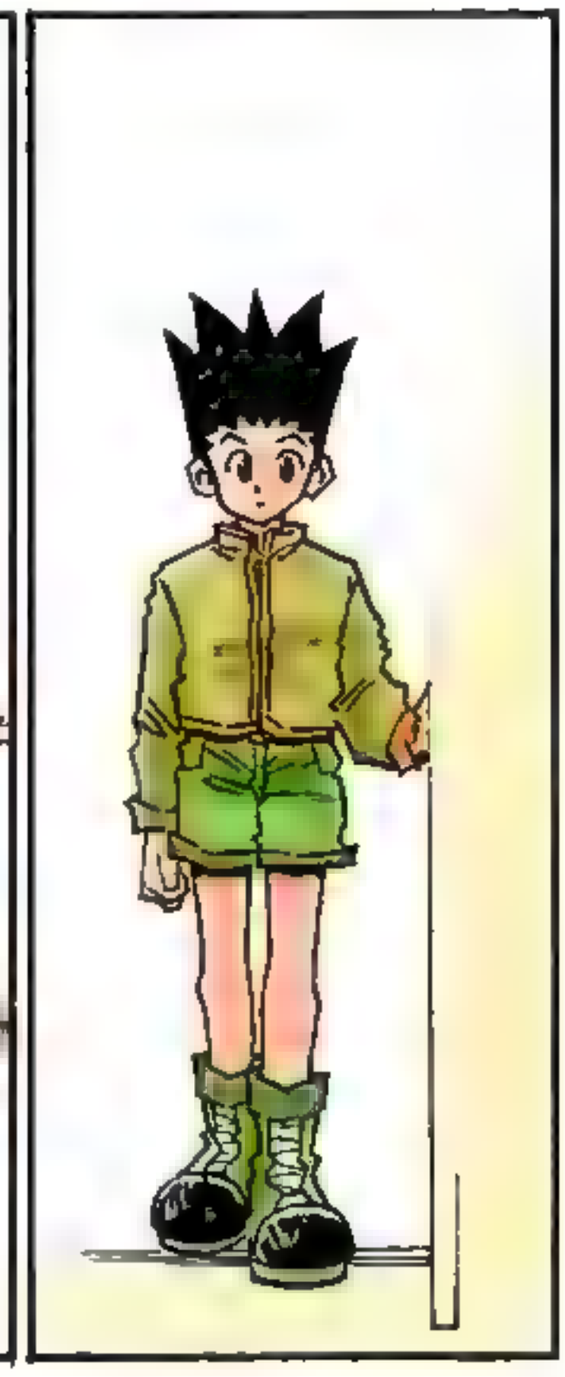


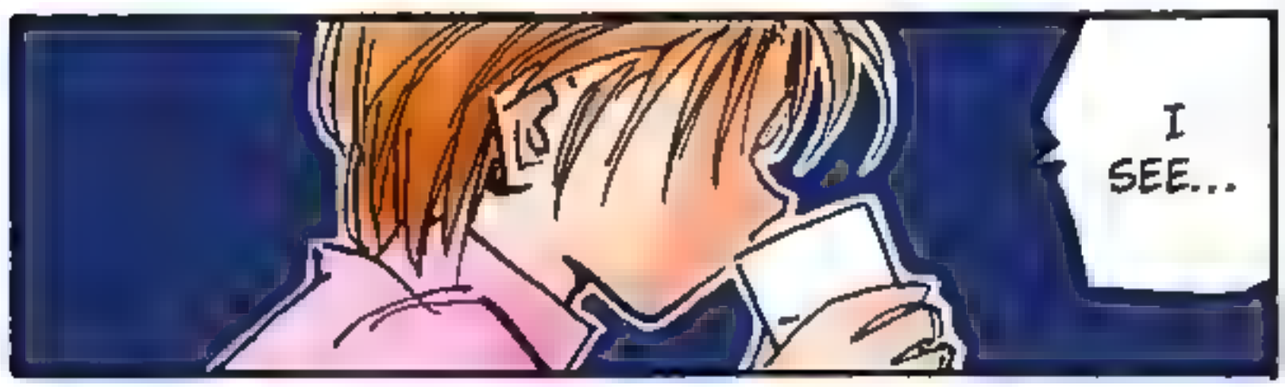


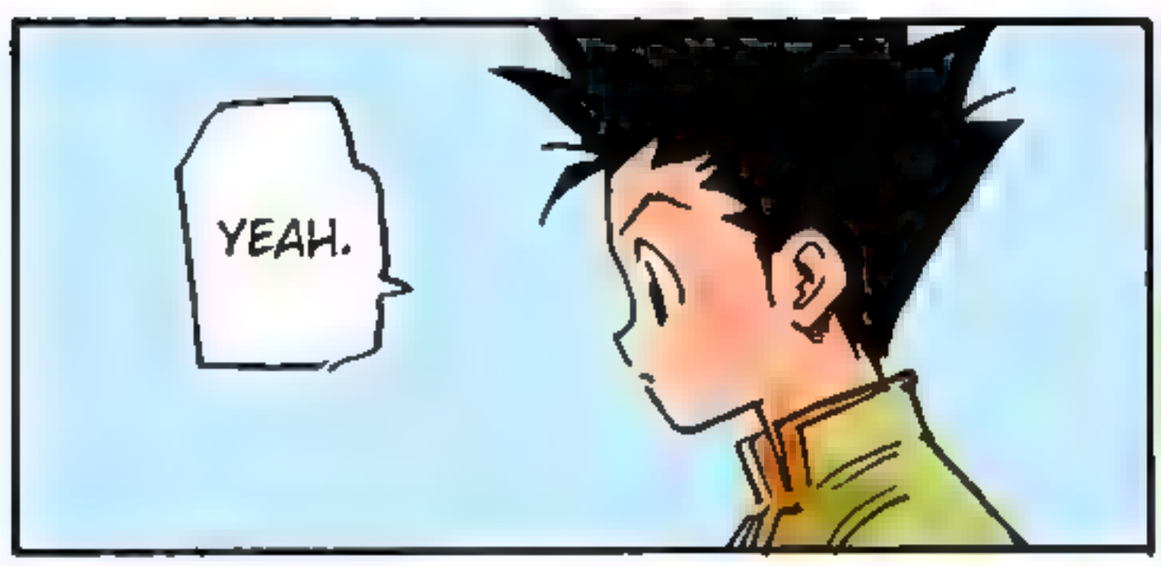



BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK...
WHEN DO YOU LEAVE?






I SEE...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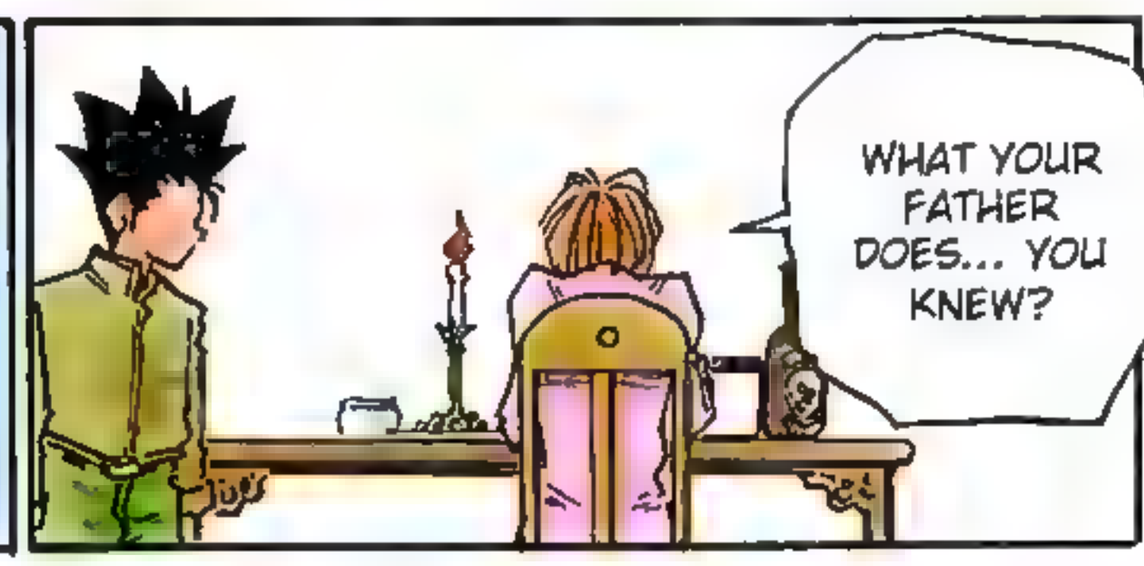
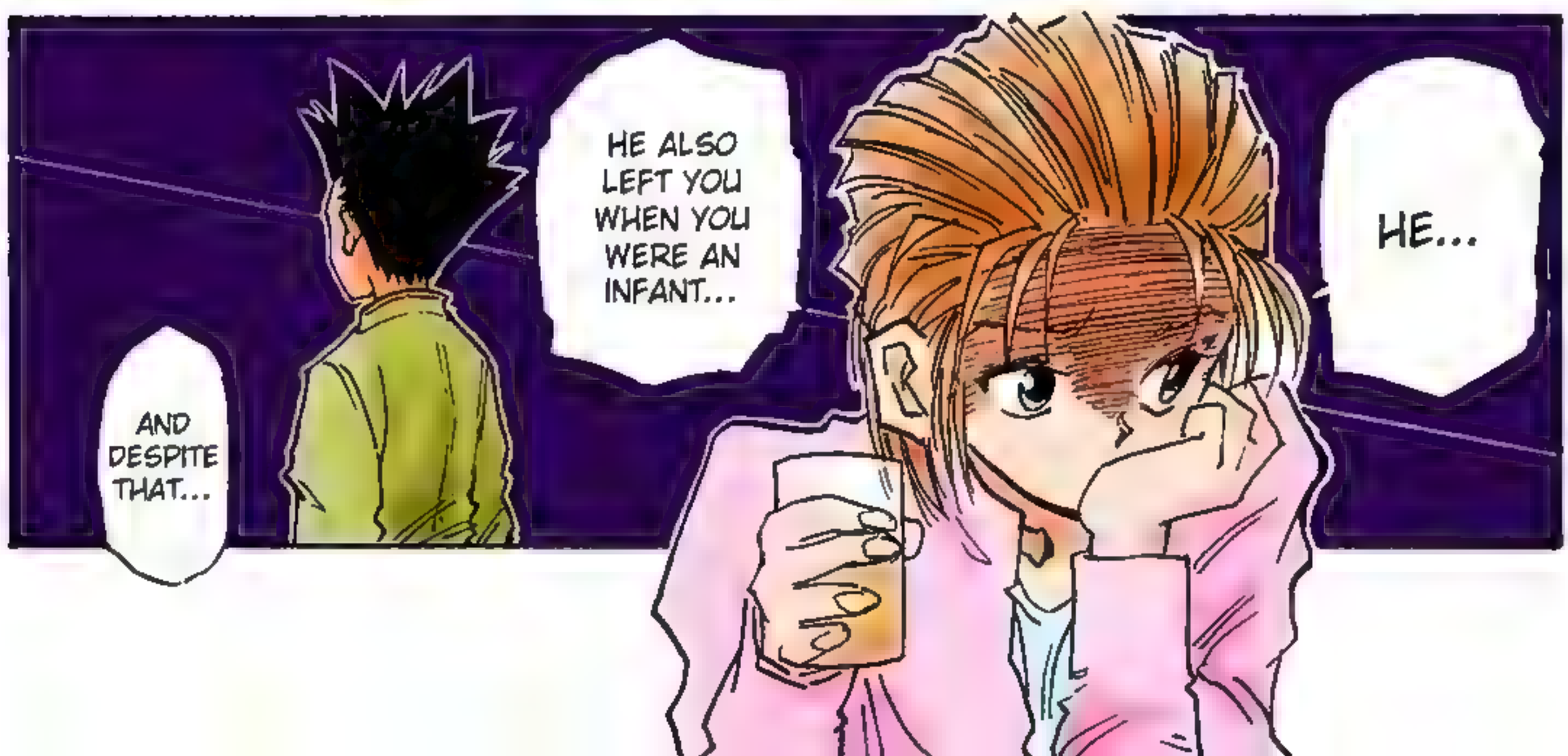
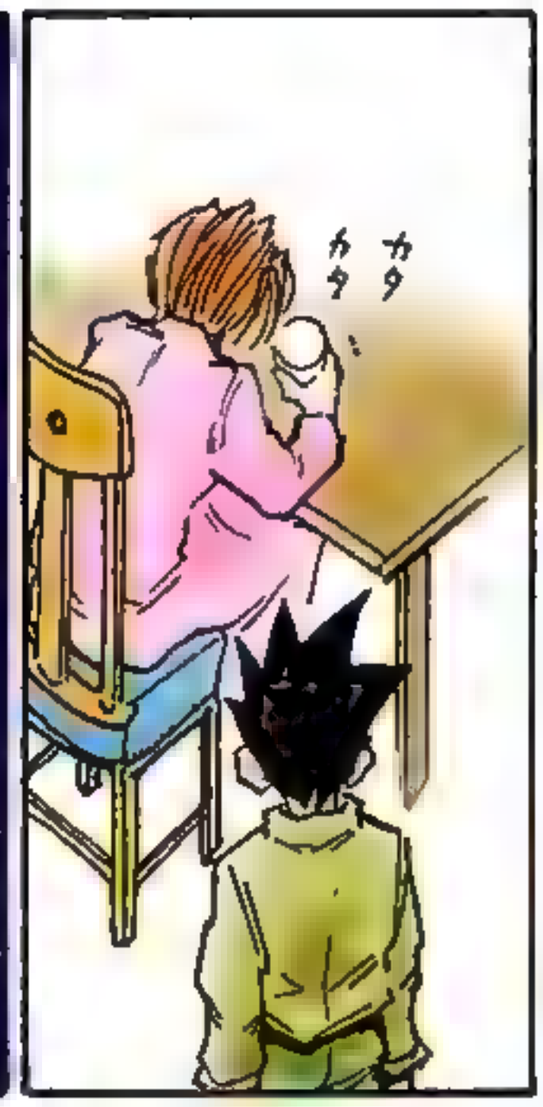
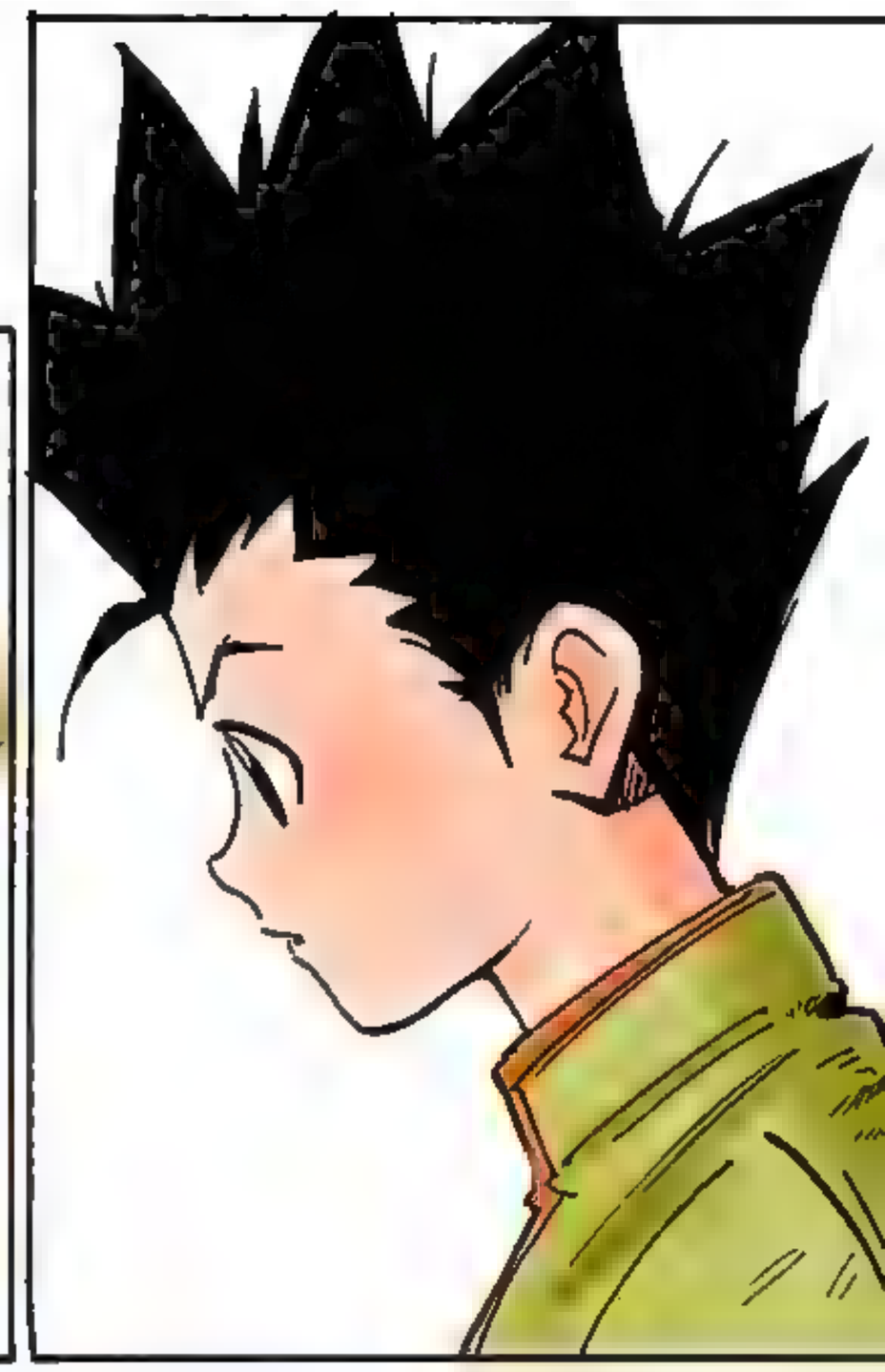
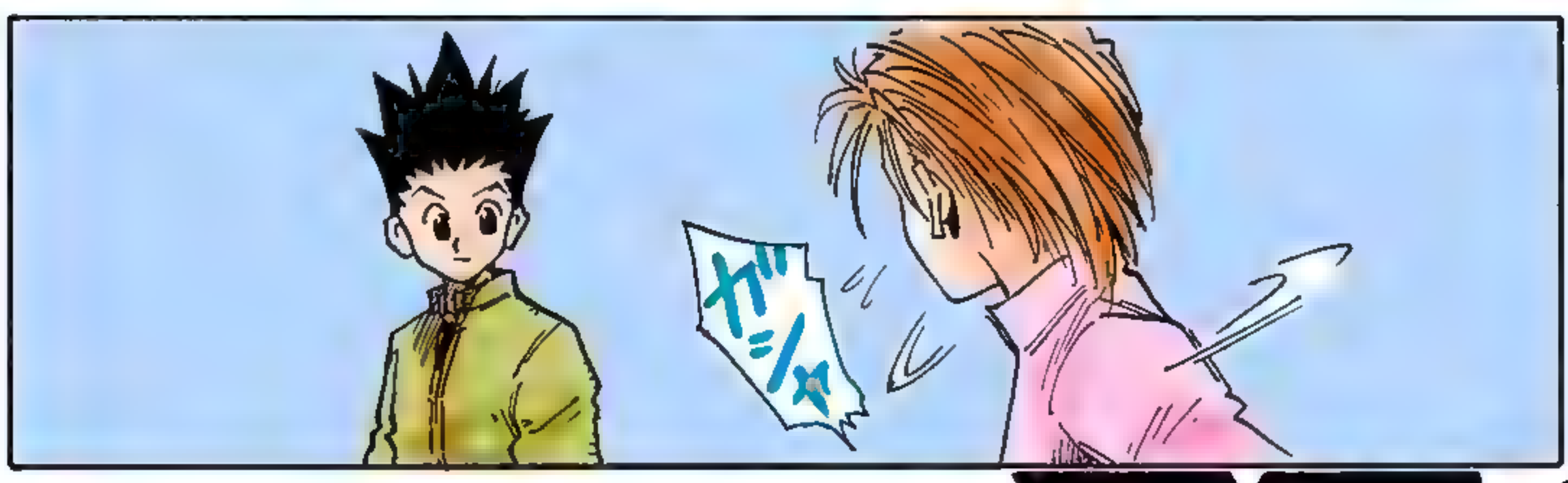

WHAT YOUR FATHER DOES... YOU KNEW?

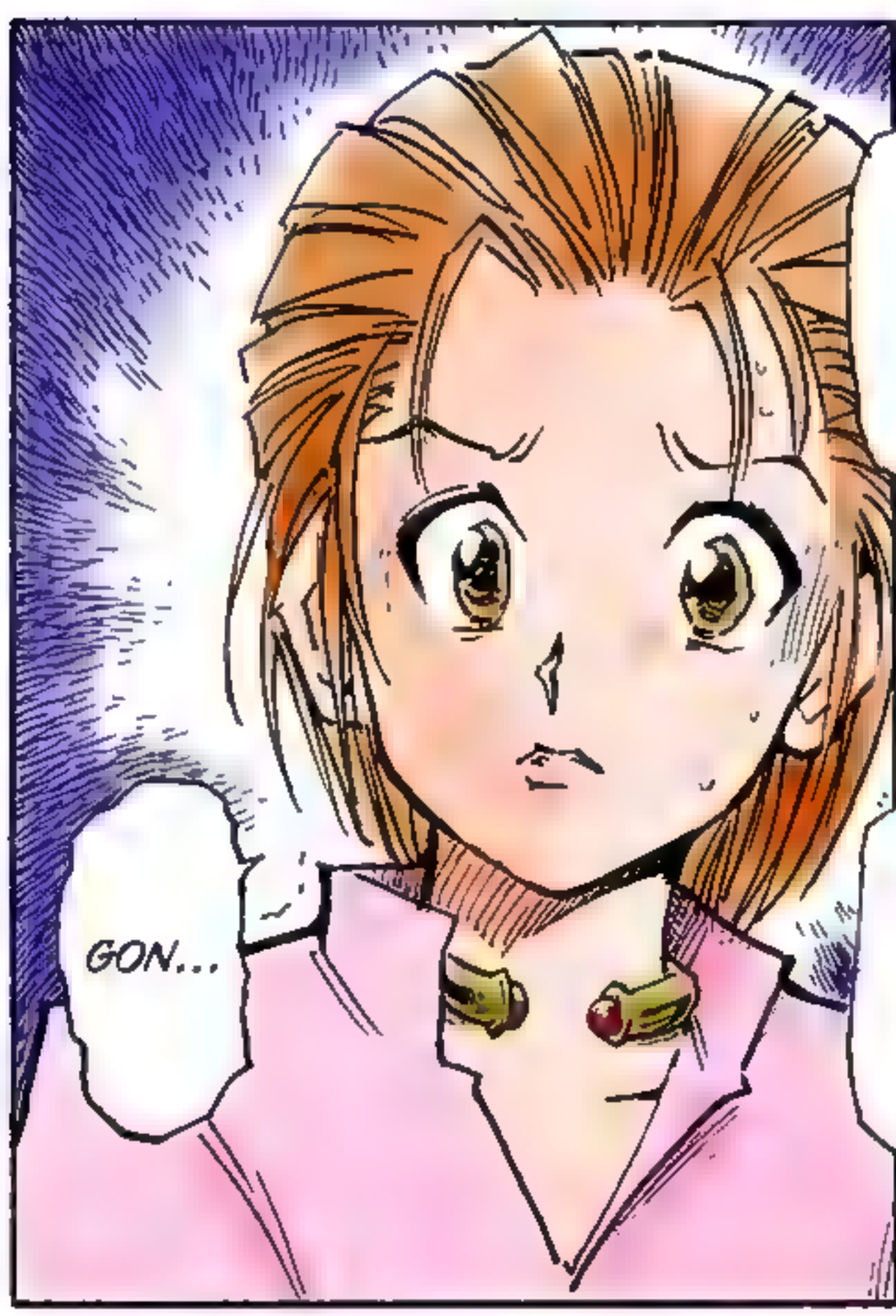

AND DESPITE THAT...
HE ALSO LEFT YOU WHEN YOU WERE AN INFANT...
HE...

BEING A HUNTER MUST BE REALLY IMPORTANT, SO IMPORTANT TO ABANDON HIS SON...





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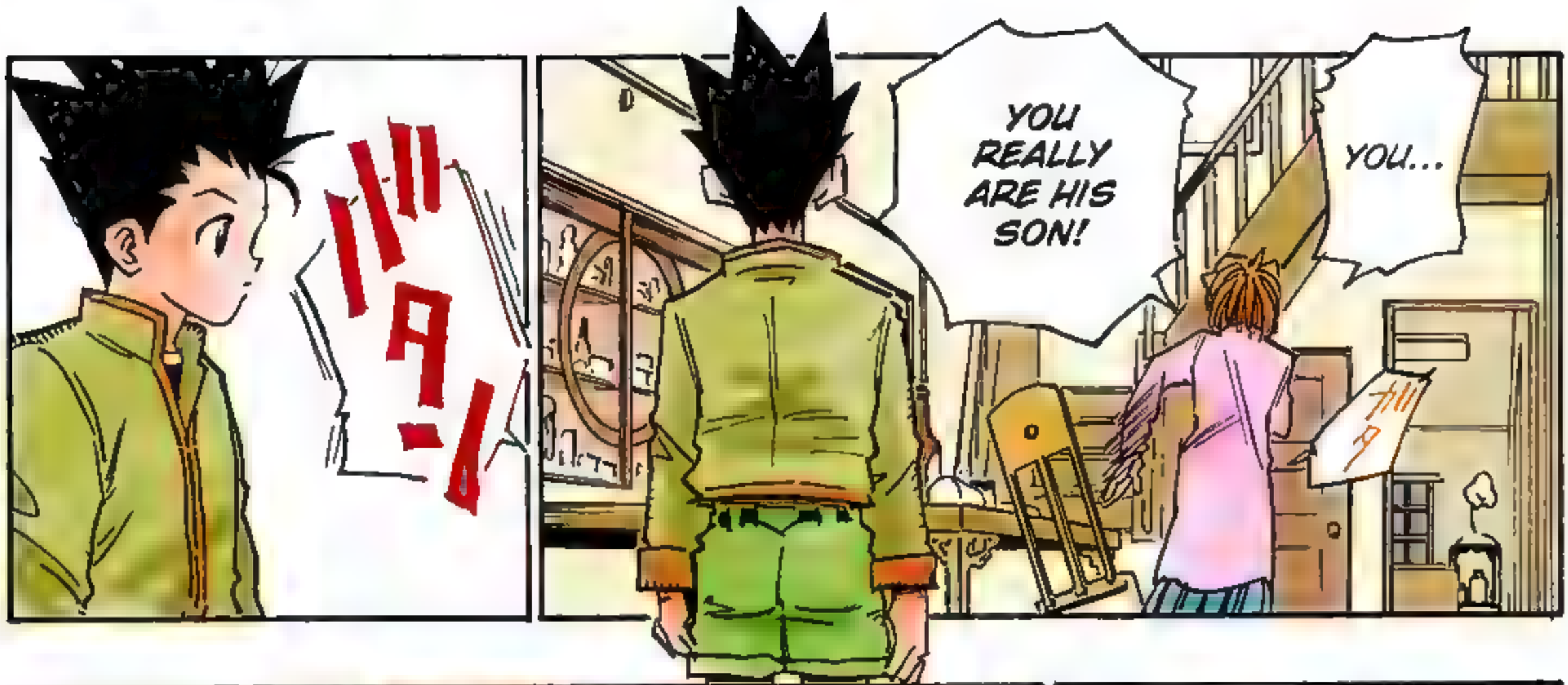
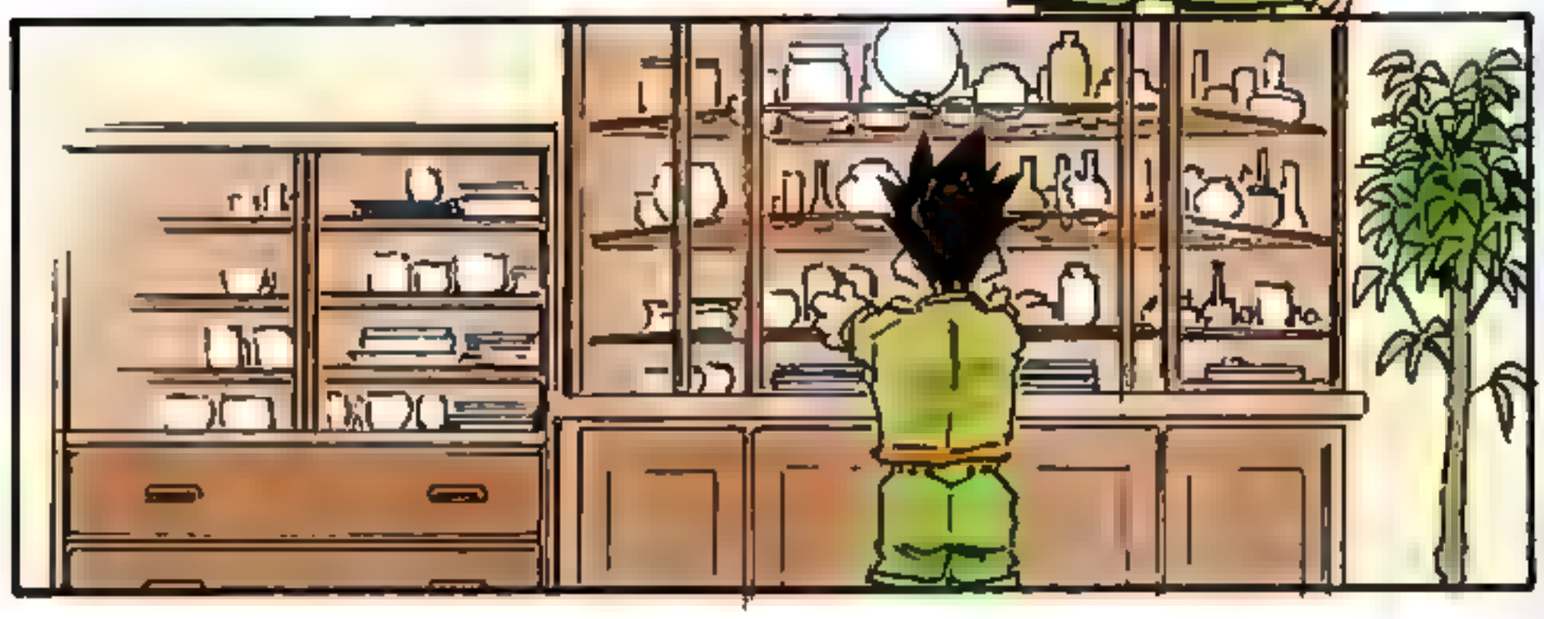
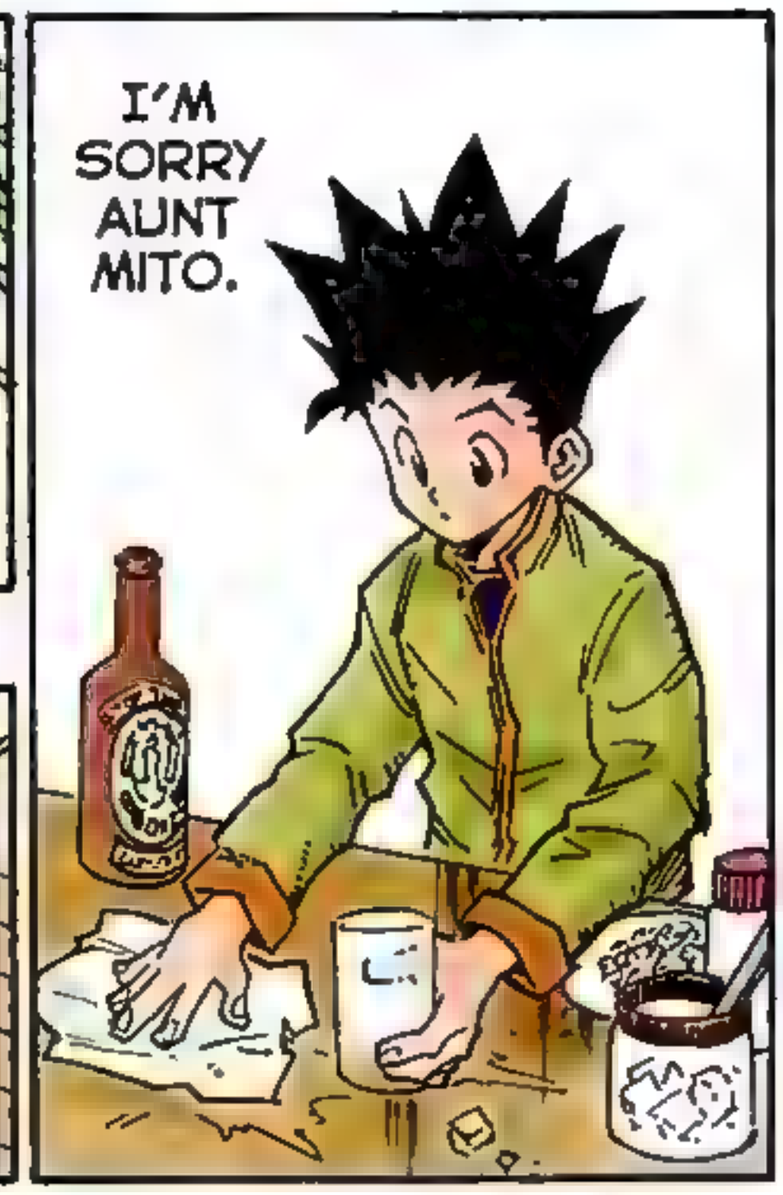
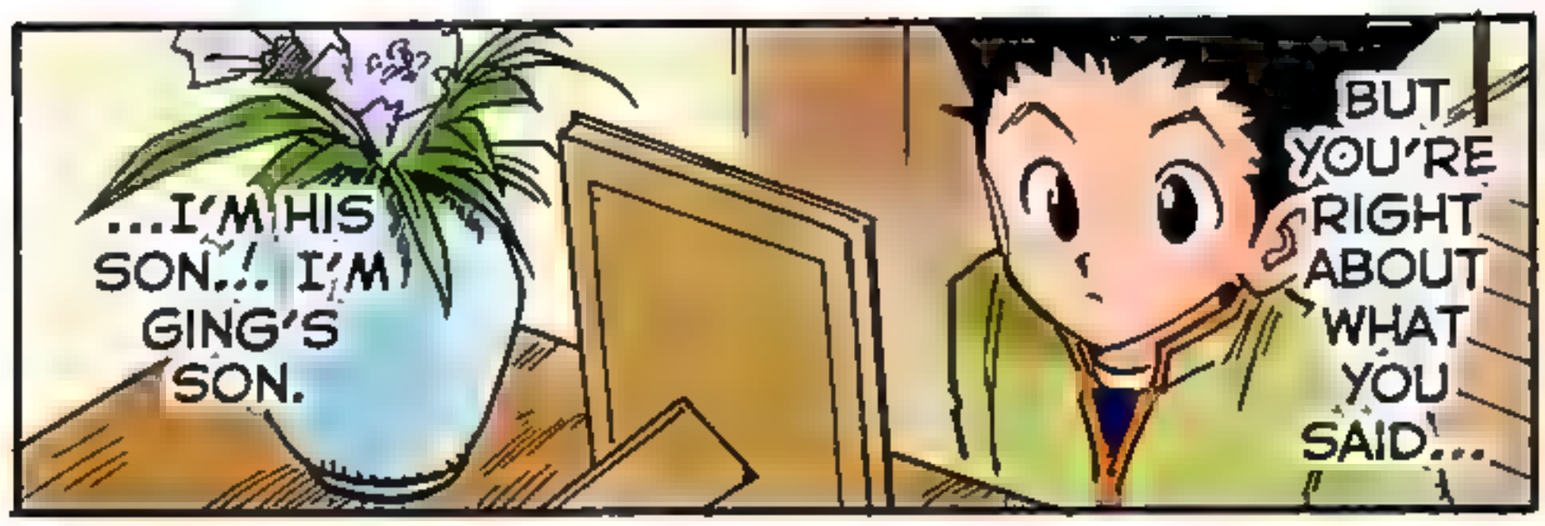
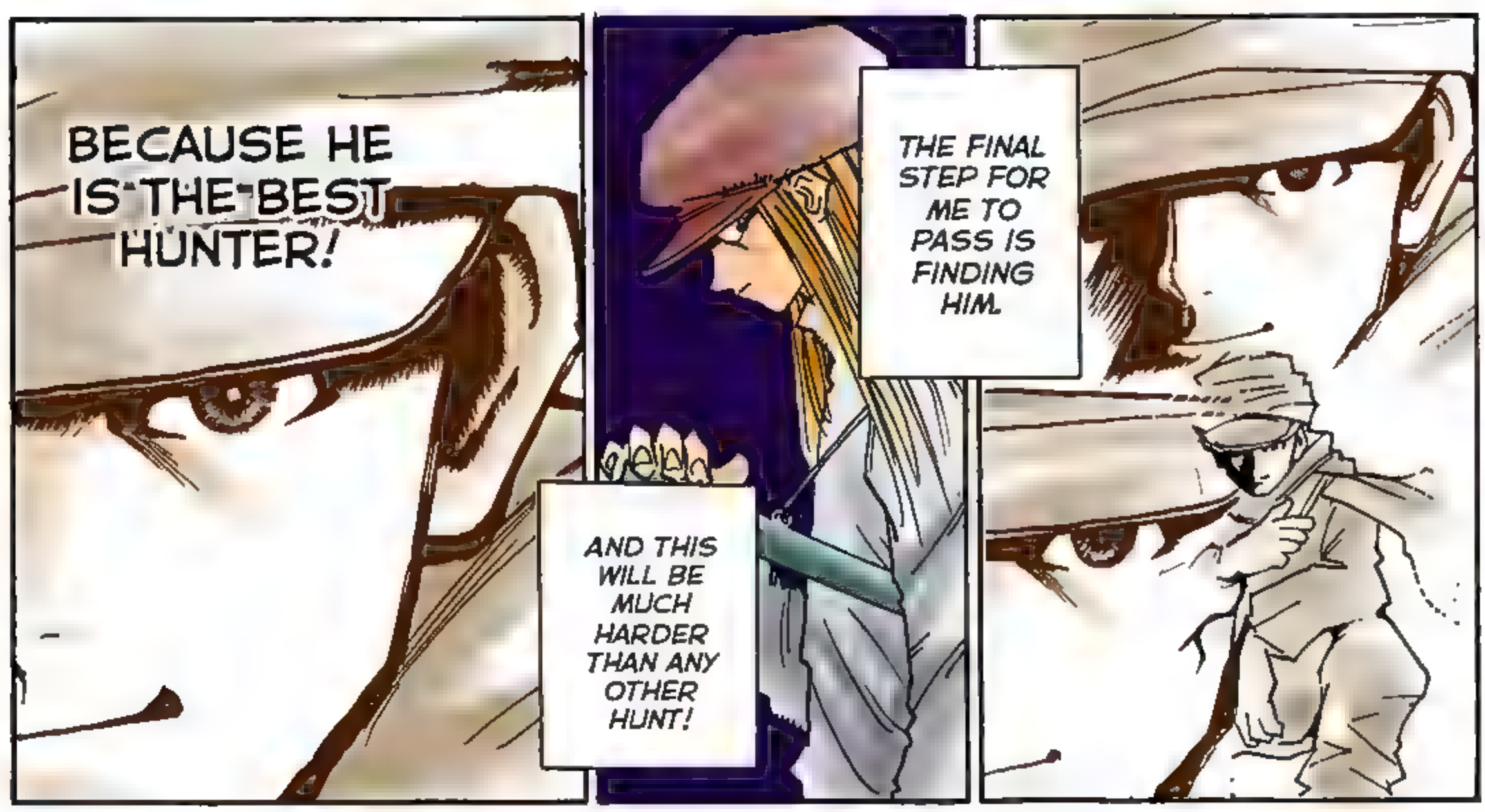
BEING A HUNTER...
...ISN'T FOR WEAKLINGS, AUNT MITO.


YOU REALLY ARE HIS SON!
YOU...

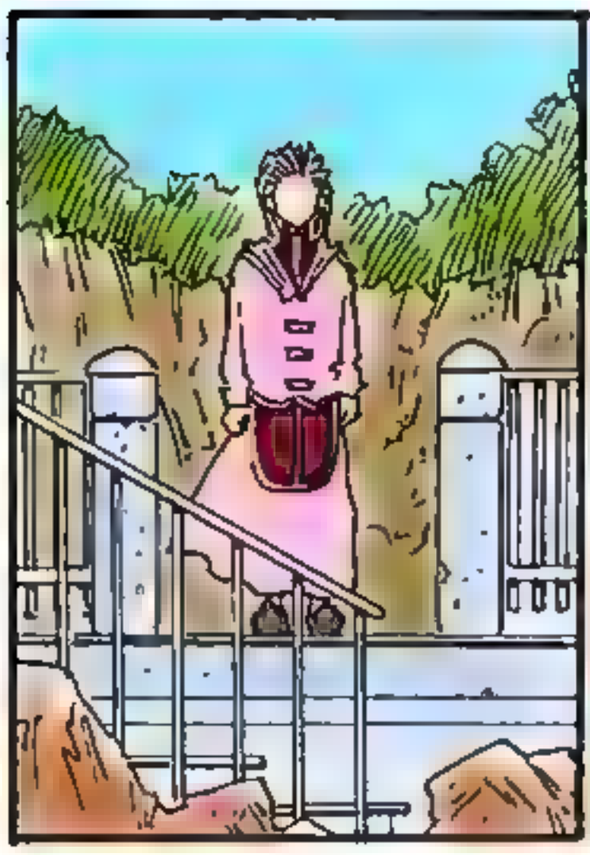


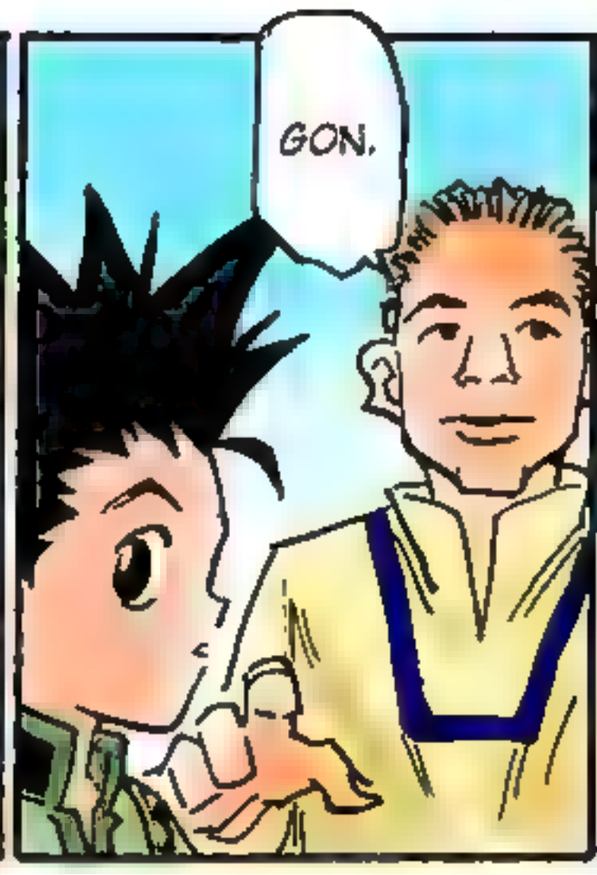

I'M SORRY AUNT MITO.


...I'M HIS SON... I'M GING'S SON.
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID...


BECAUSE HE IS THE BEST HUNTER!
THE FINAL STEP FOR ME TO PASS IS FINDING HIM.
AND THIS WILL BE MUCH HARDER THAN ANY OTHER HUNT!

SO IT'S TIME TO GO AND MEET HIM!

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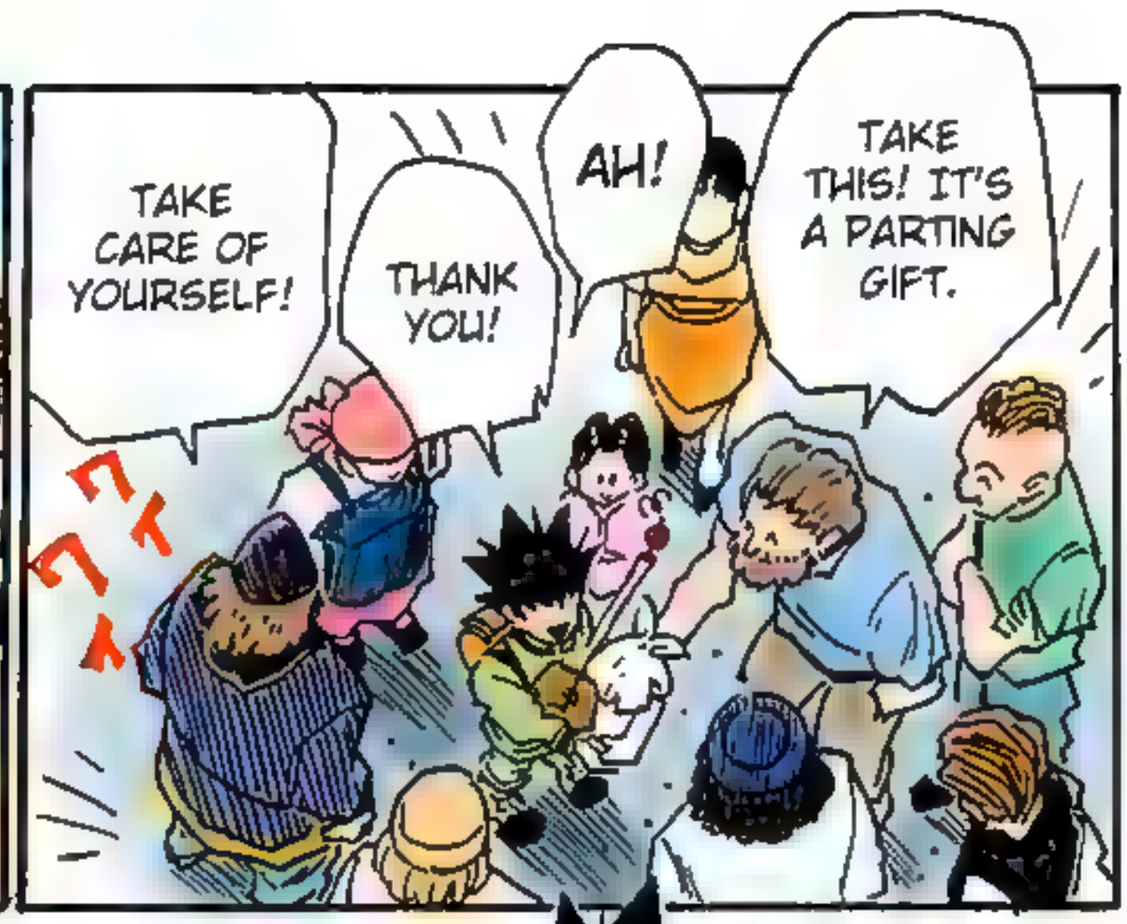
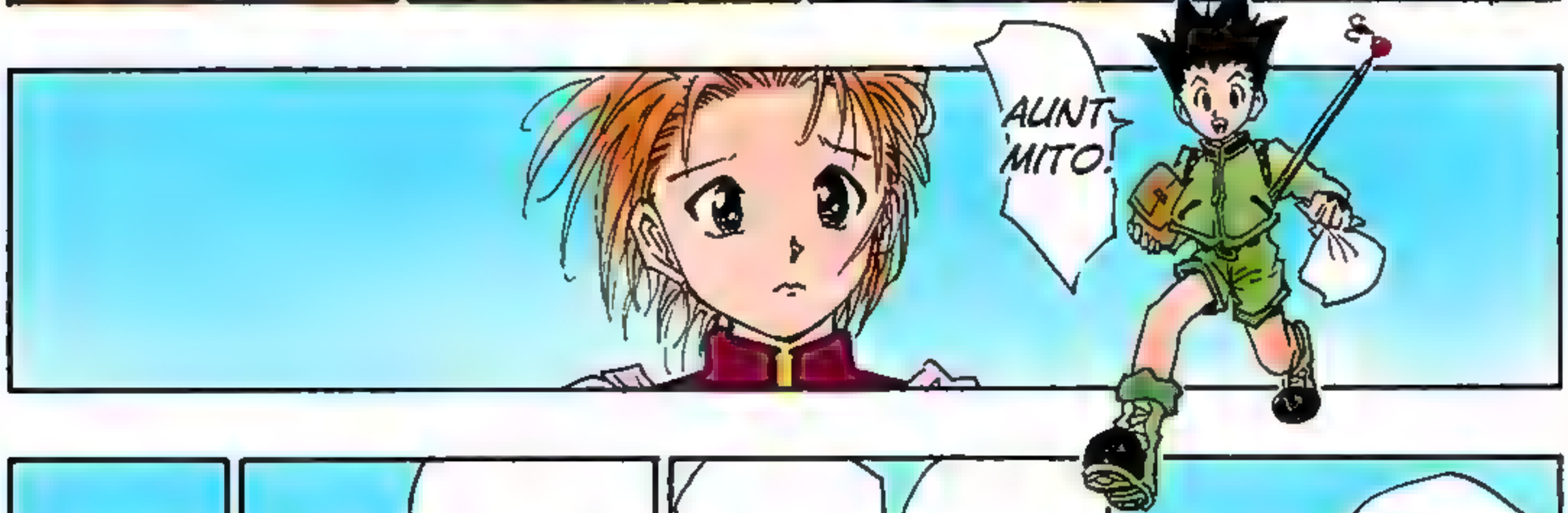

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!
THANK YOU!
AH!
TAKE THIS! IT'S A PARTING GIFT.

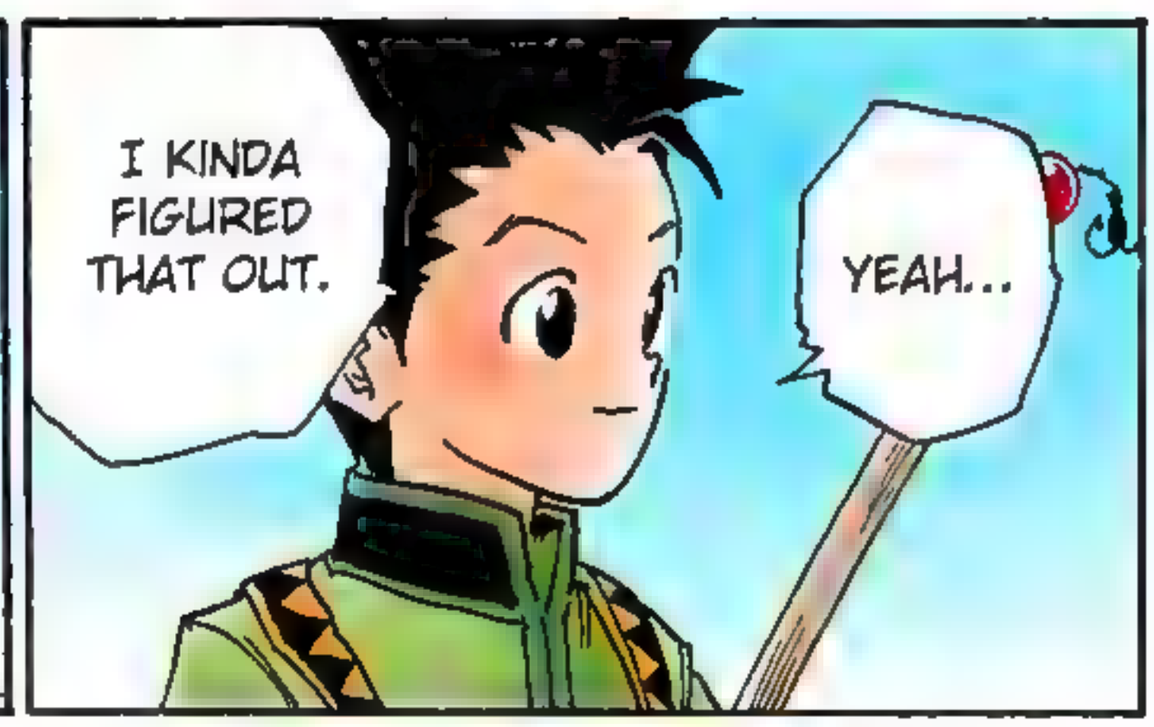

AUNT MITO!

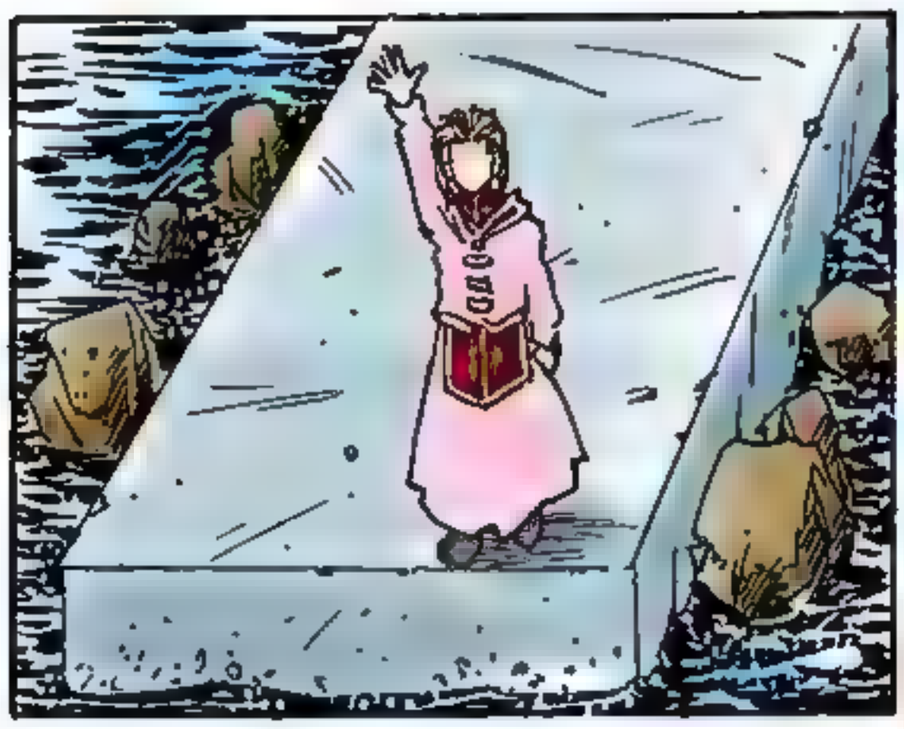
GING NEVER ABANDONED YOU.
IT WAS ME WHO MADE HIM GIVE YOU UP.

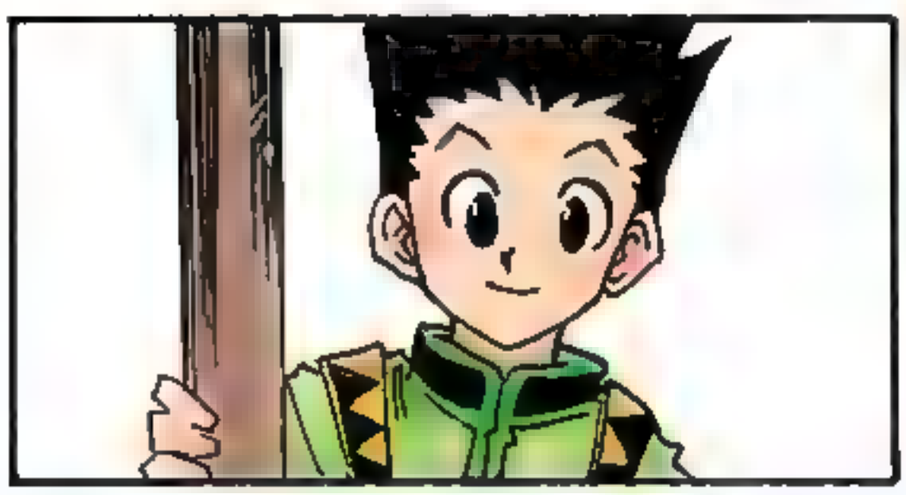
...THAT I LIED TO YOU.
I'M SORRY...

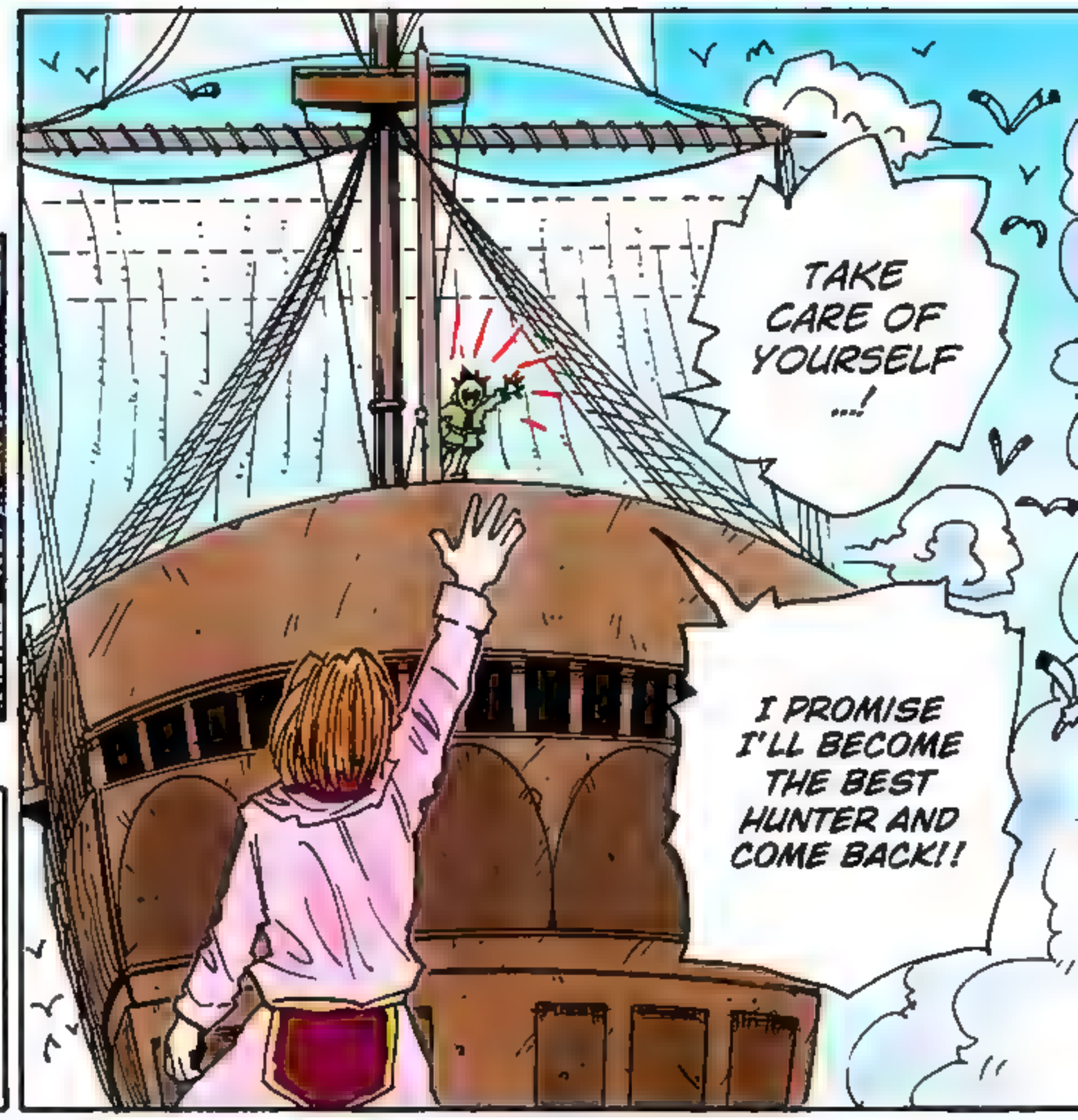
GON...
THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.

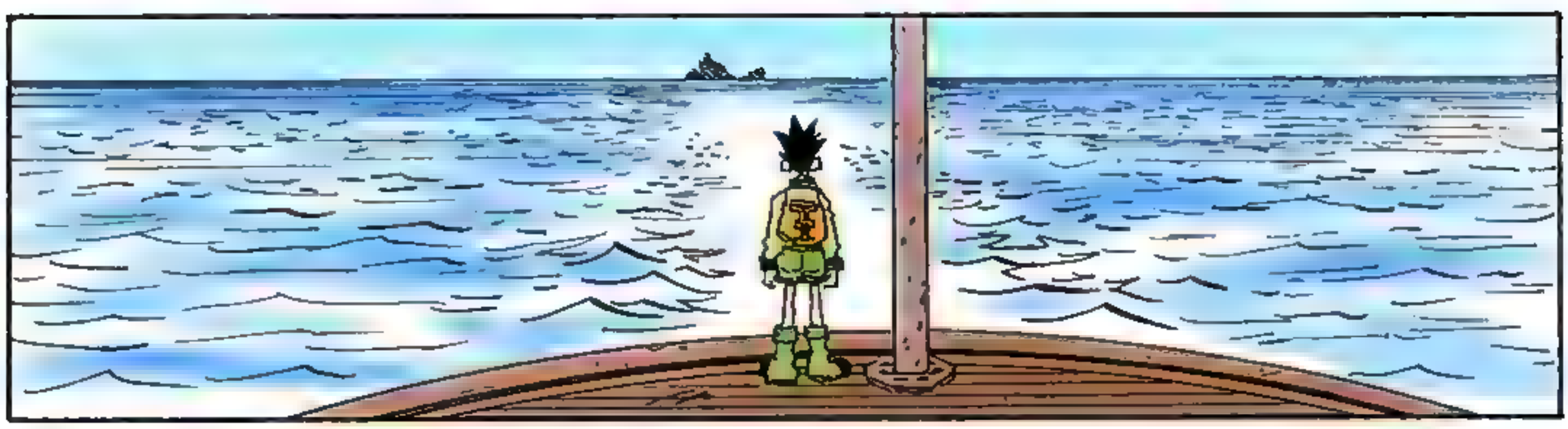
...YOU NEVER LOOK AT ME IN THE EYES.
WHENEVER YOU LIE...

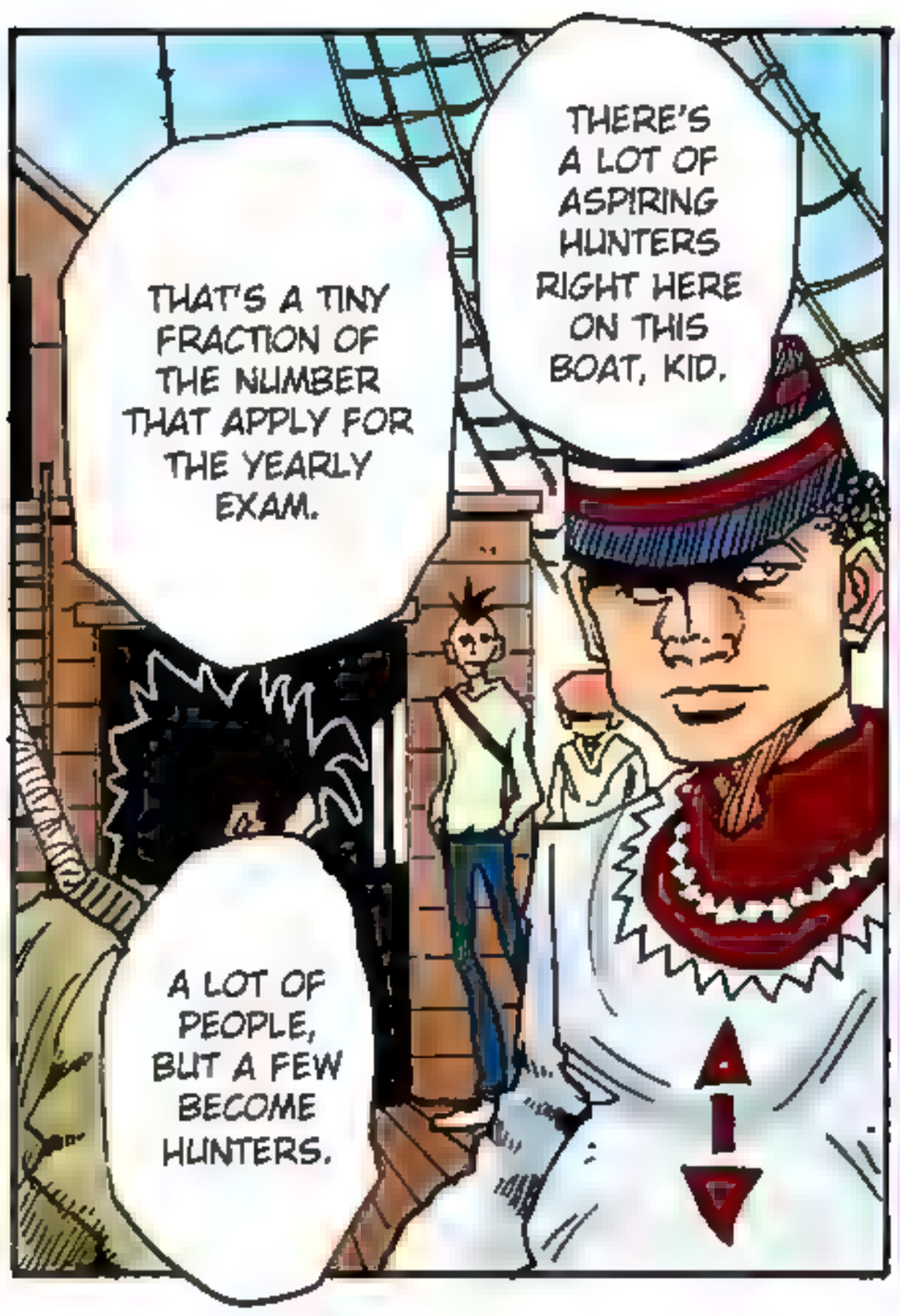

I KINDA FIGURED THAT OUT.
YEAH...

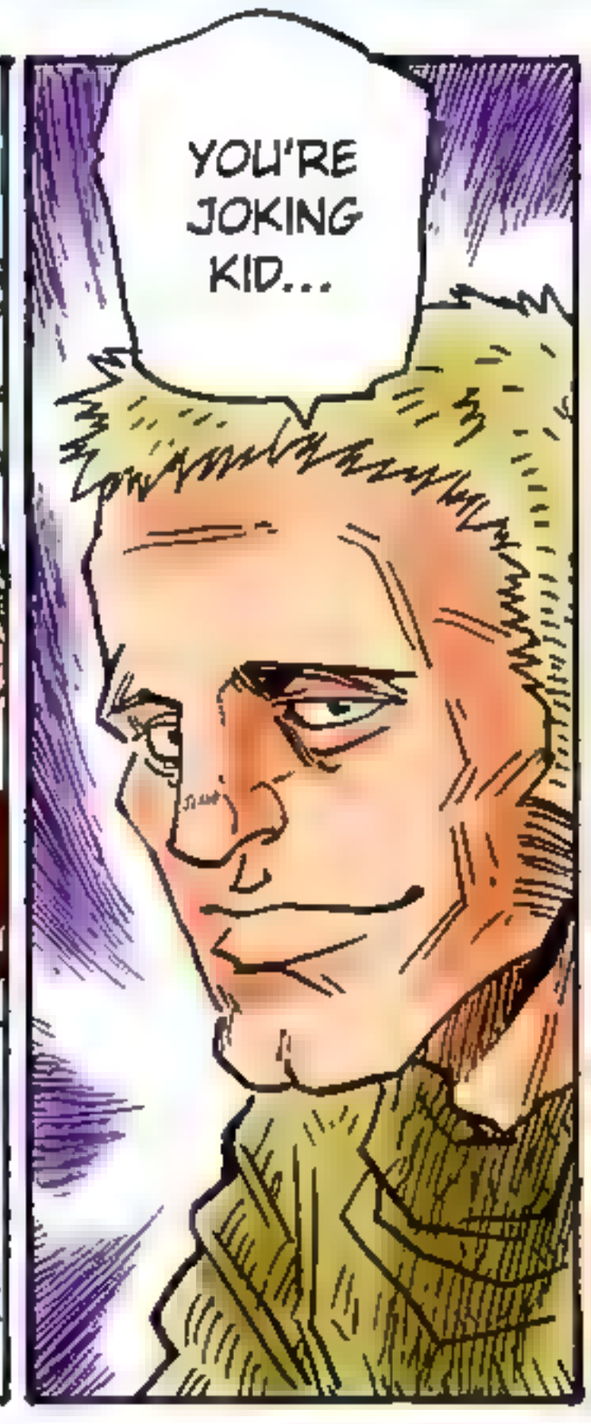





TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF ...!
I PROMISE I'LL BECOME THE BEST HUNTER AND COME BACK!!



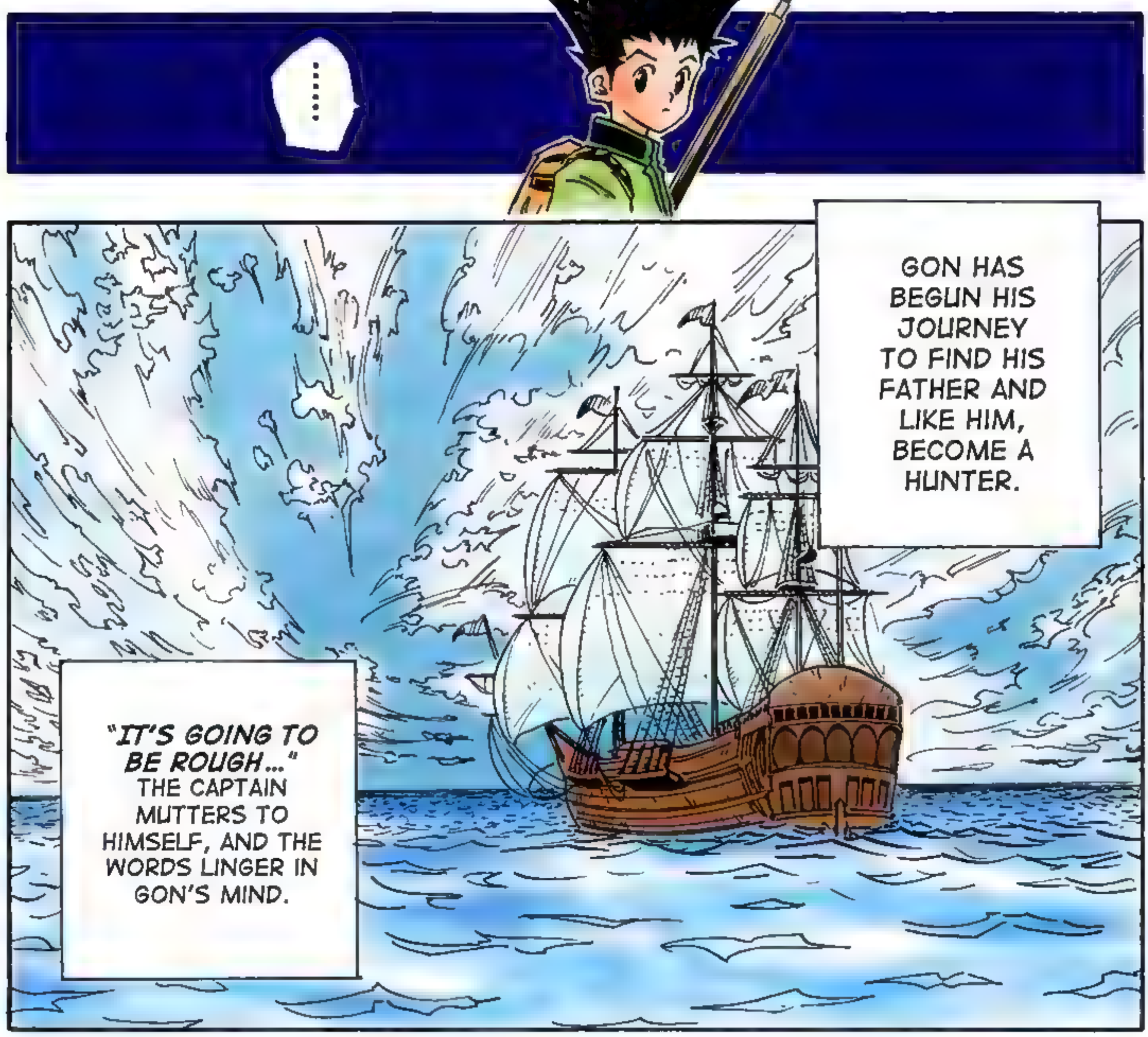

THAT'S A TINY FRACTION OF THE NUMBER THAT APPLY FOR THE YEARLY EXAM.
THERE'S A LOT OF ASPIRING HUNTERS RIGHT HERE ON THIS BOAT, KID.
A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT A FEW BECOME HUNTERS.


YOU'RE JOKING KID...

HEE HEE HEE ...
THE BEST HUNTER?

EACH ONE OF US HAS HIS PRIORITIES, AND HERE, IT'S COMMON TO SEE PEOPLE KILLING EACH OTHER...

YOU SEE KID, IT'S EASIER TO SAY THAN DO.



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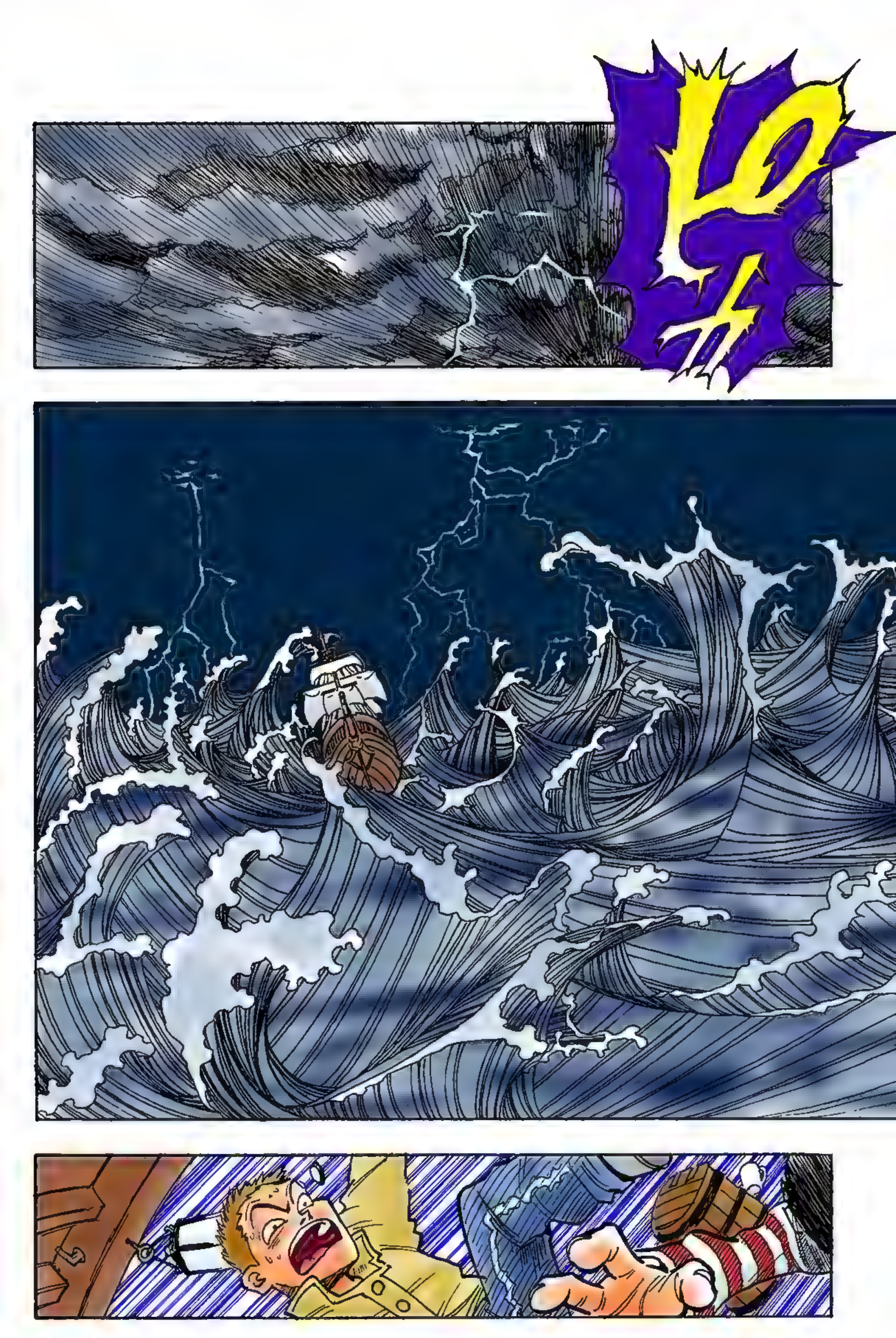
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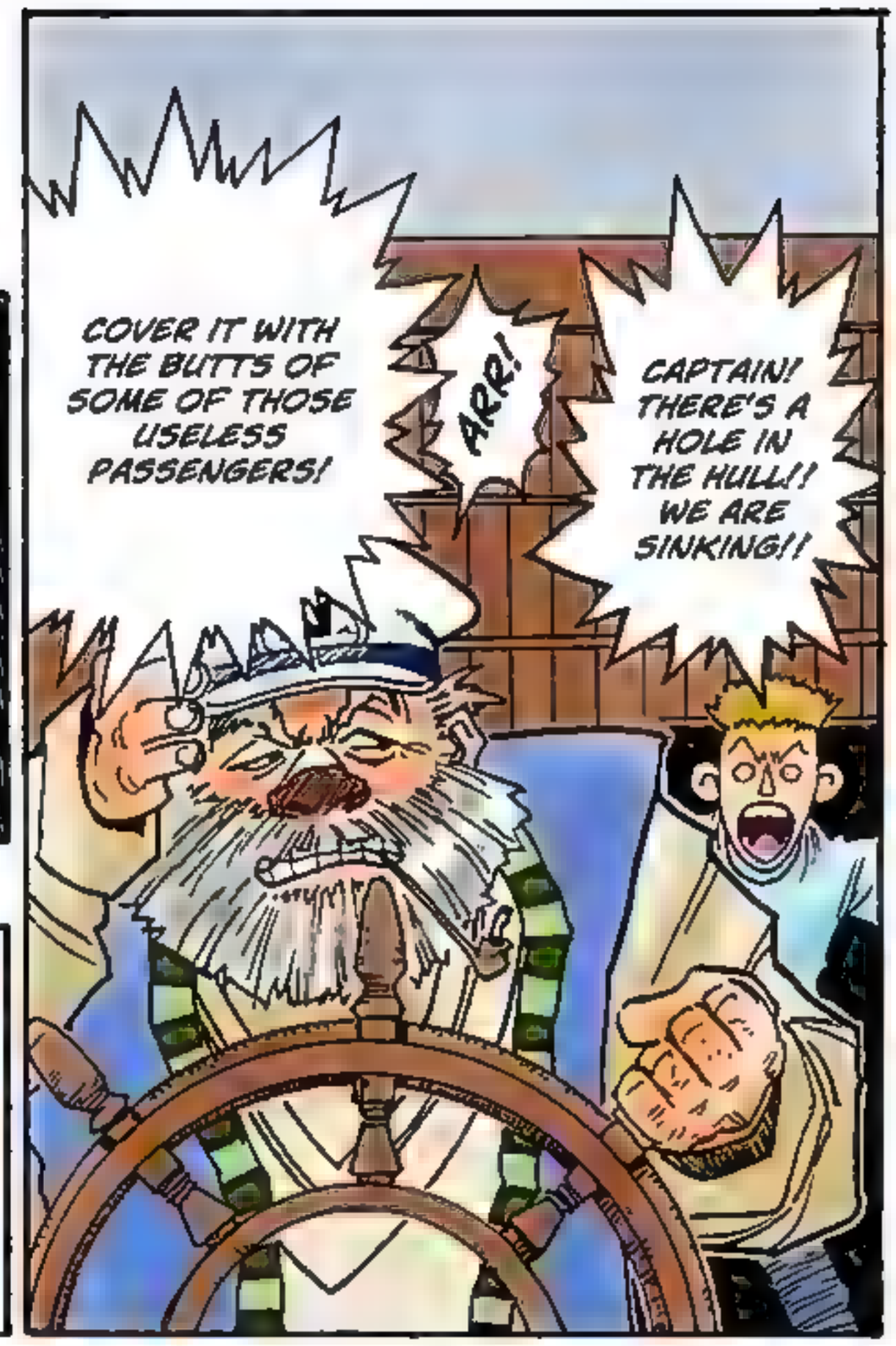
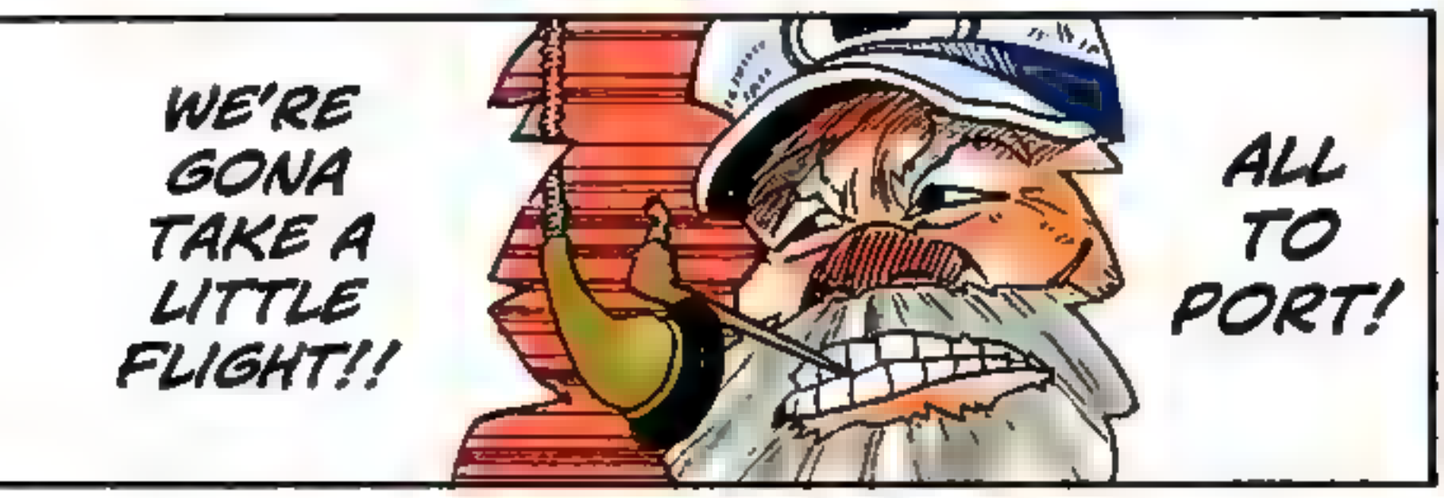
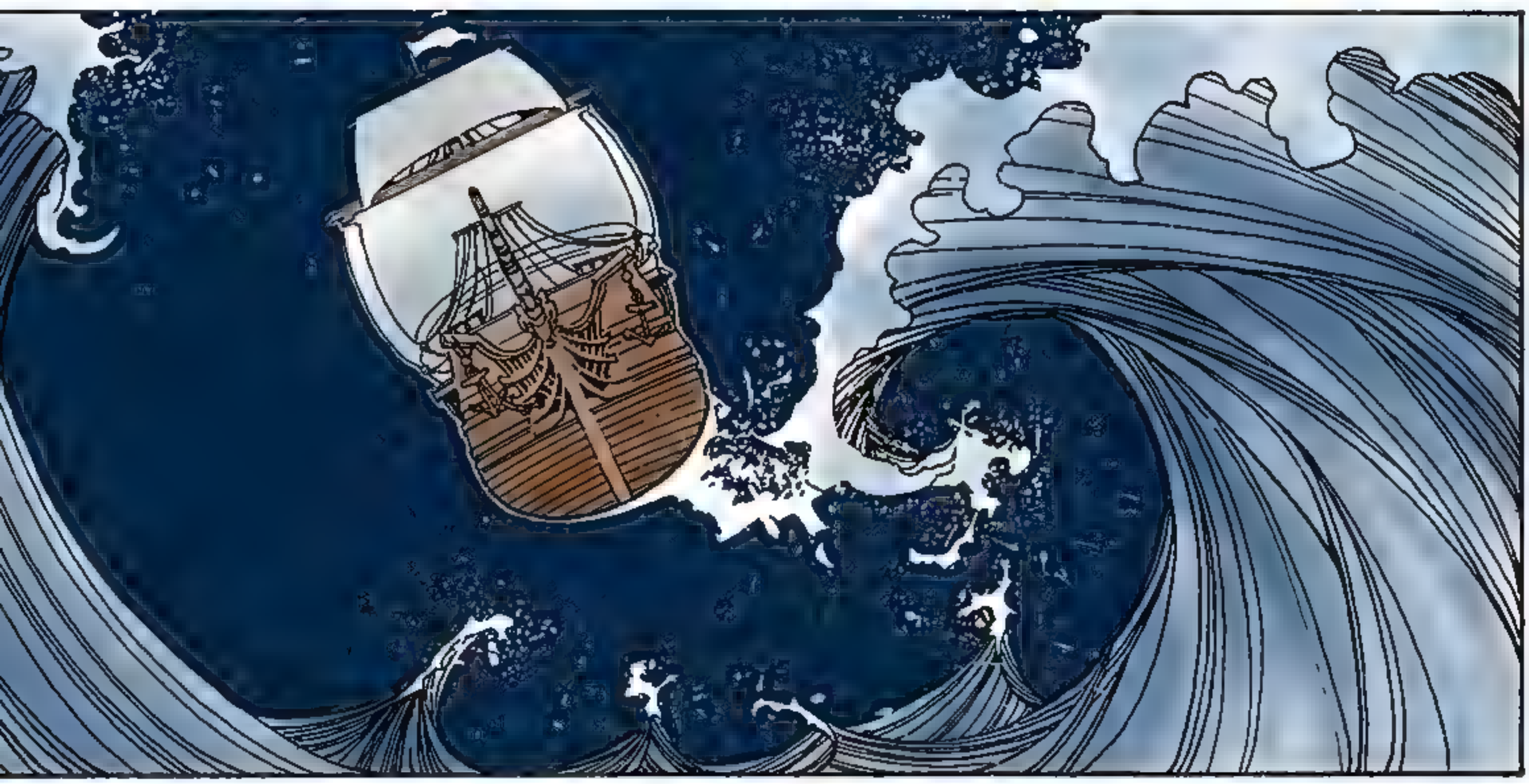
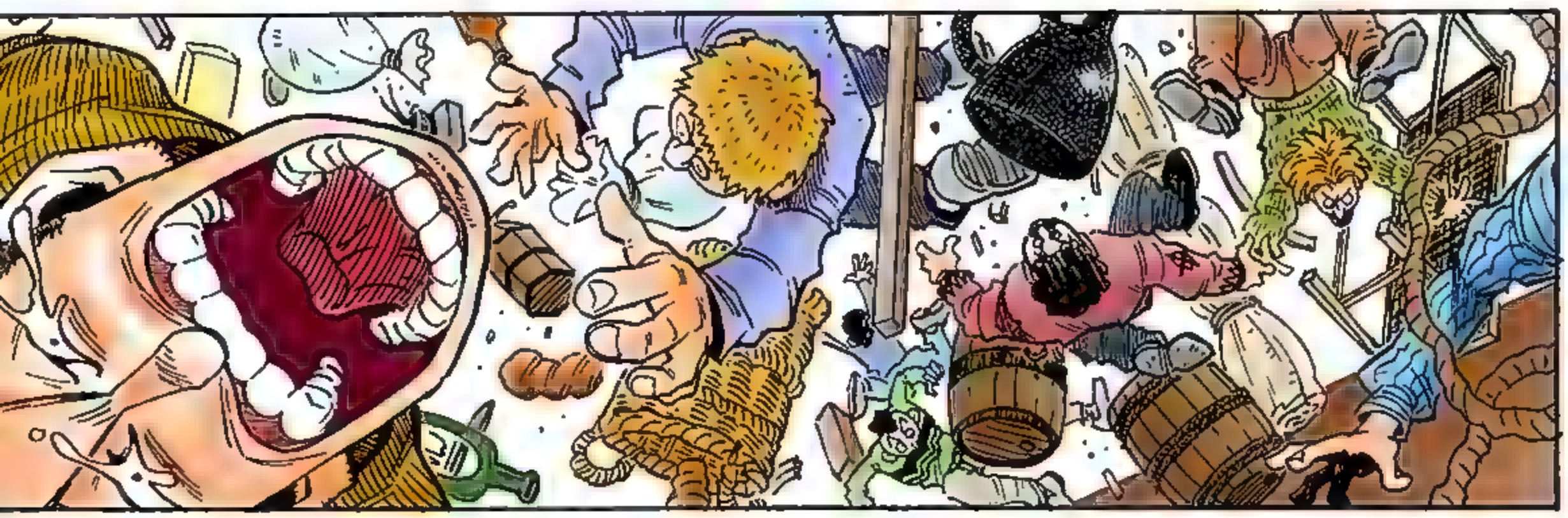
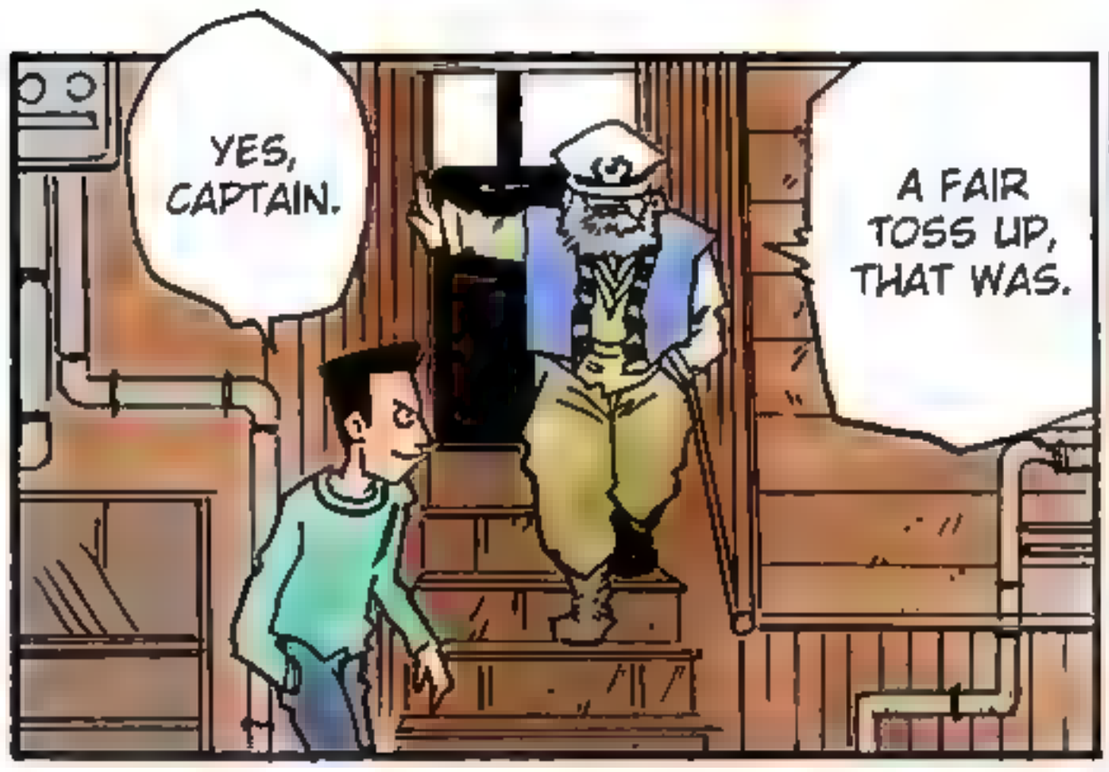
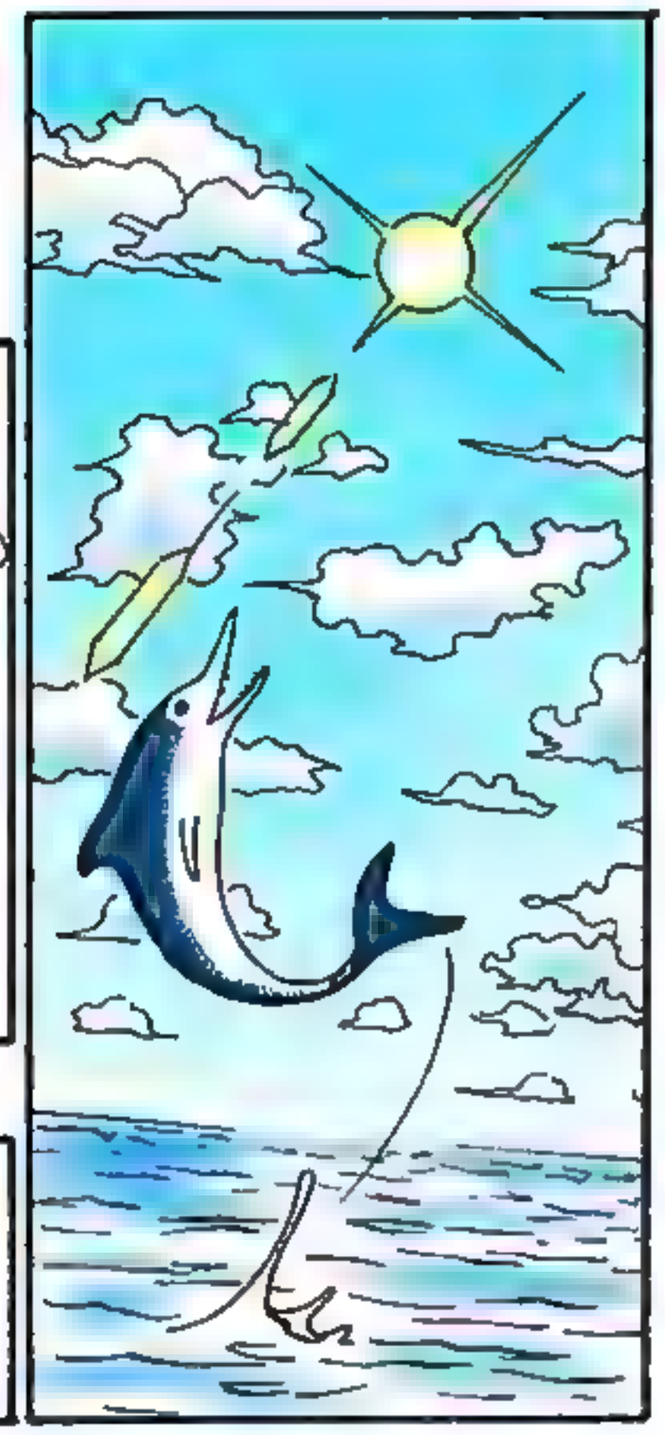

COVER IT WITH THE BUTTS OF SOME OF THOSE USELESS PASSENGERS!
ARR!
CAPTAIN! THERE'S A HOLE IN THE HULL!! WE ARE SINKING!!

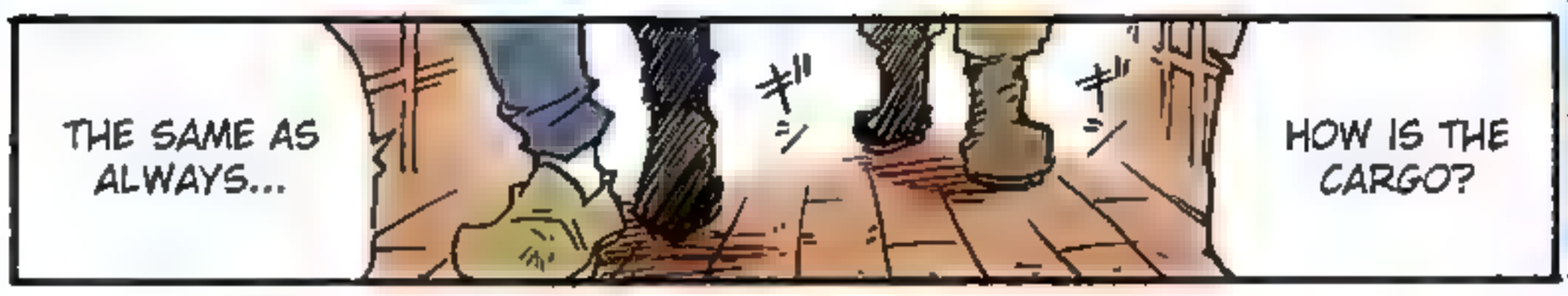

WE'RE GONA TAKE A LITTLE FLIGHT!!
ALL TO PORT!






YES, CAPTAIN.
A FAIR TOSS UP, THAT WAS.




THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
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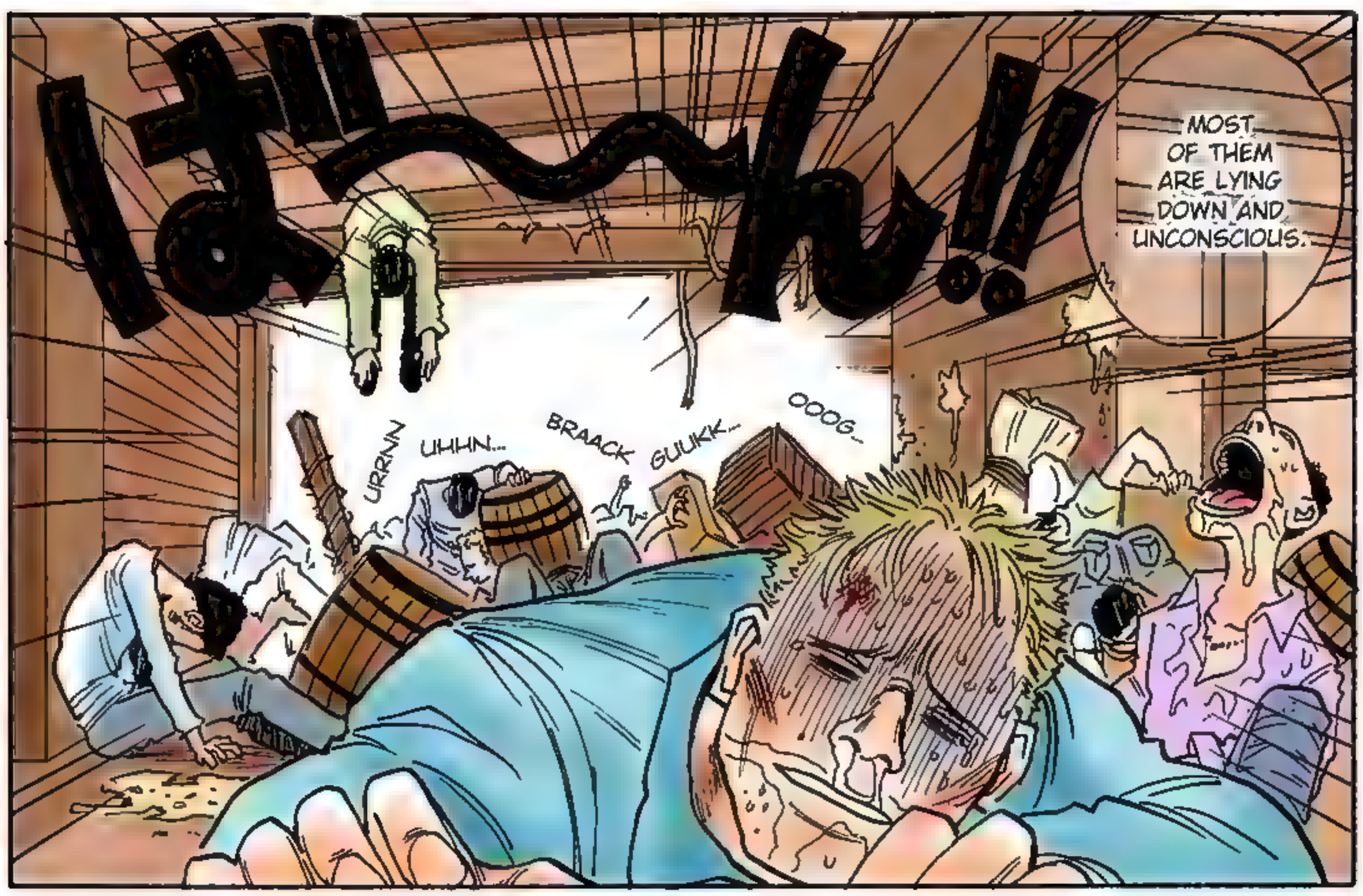
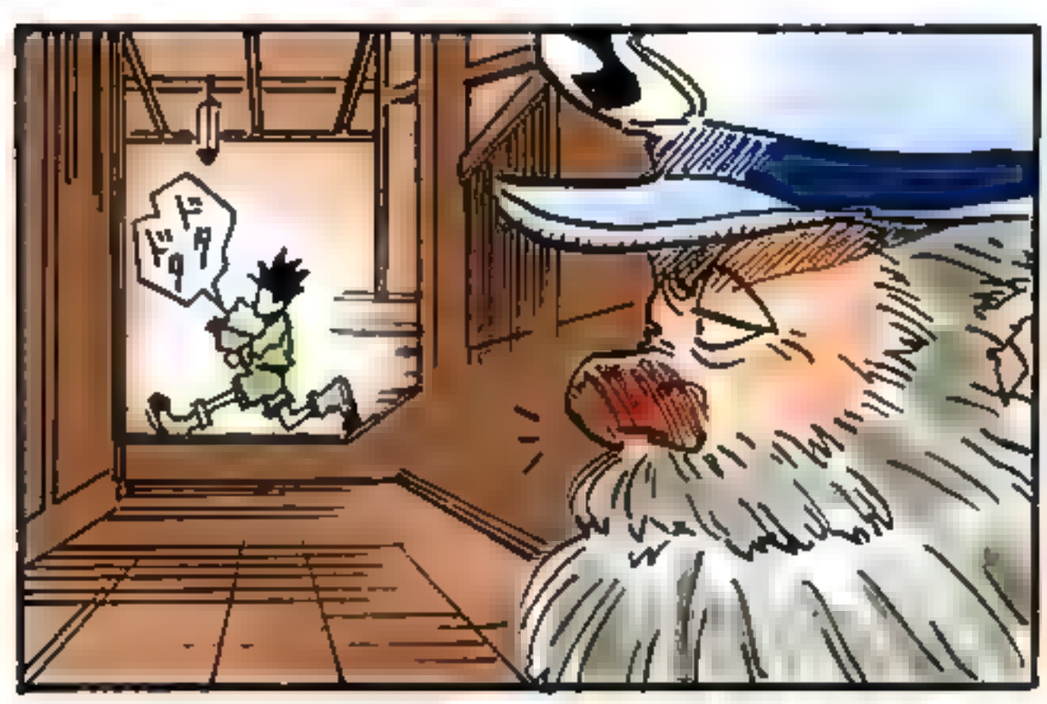
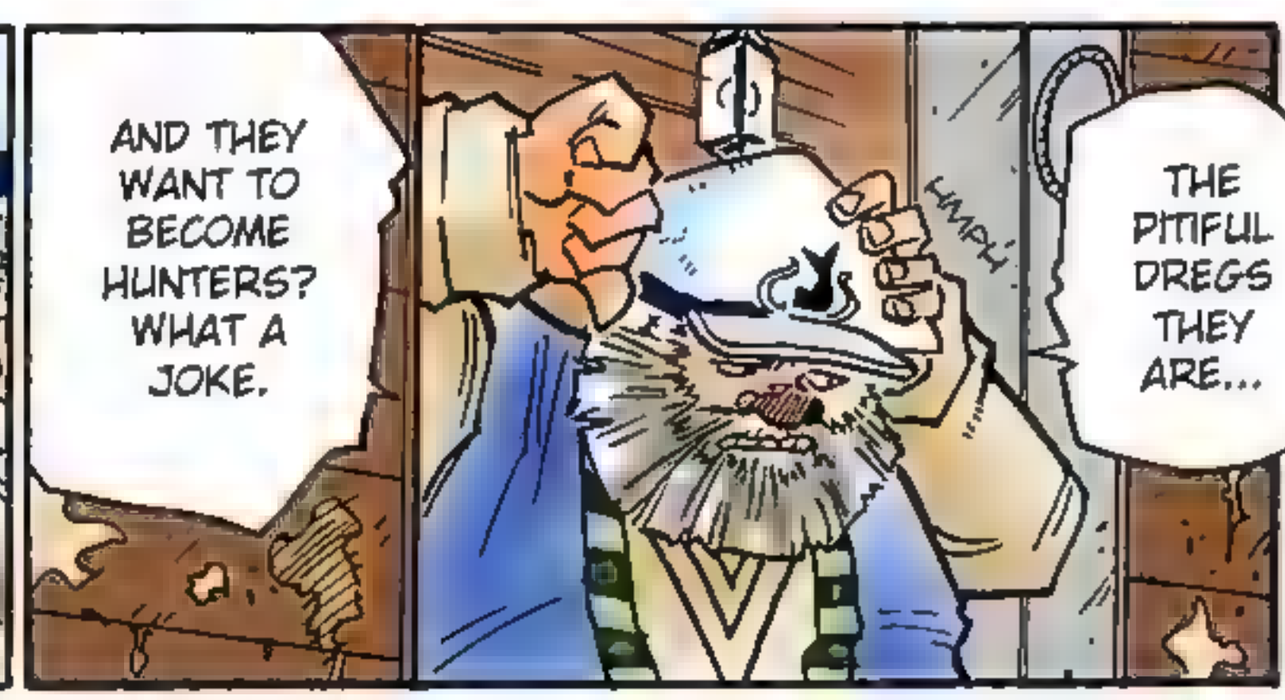
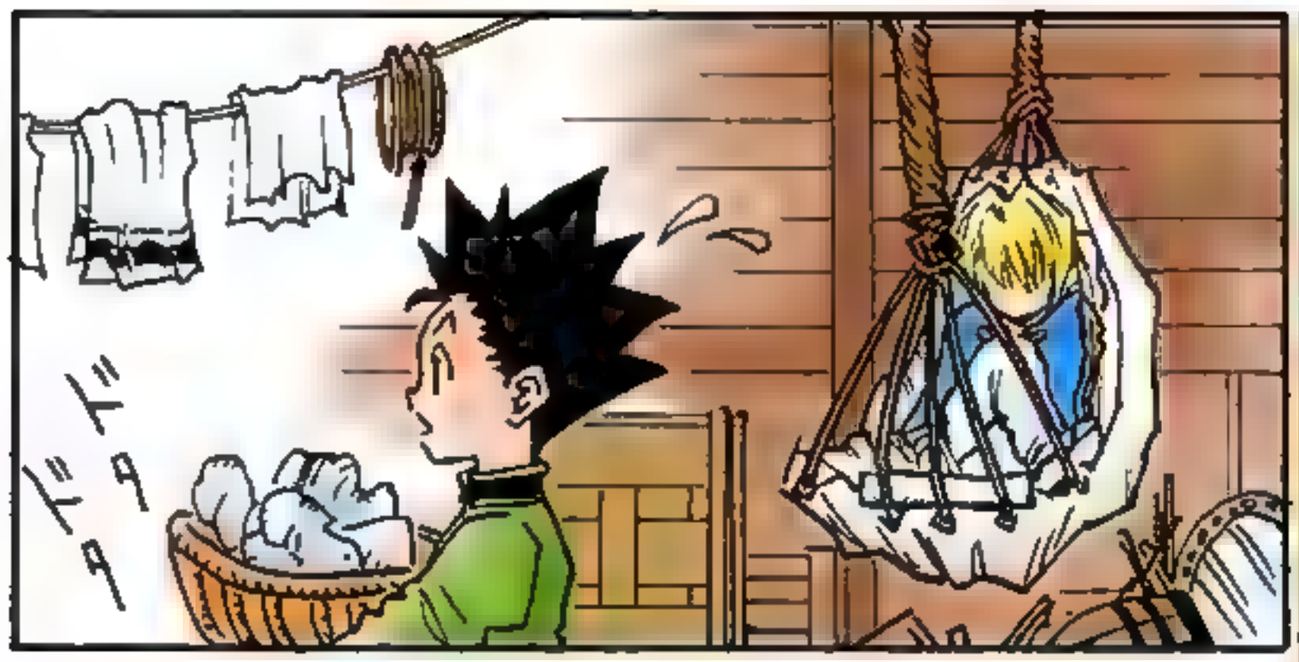
HOW IS THE CARGO?


MOST OF THEM ARE LYING DOWN AND UNCONSCIOUS.
URRNN
UHHN...
BRAACK
GUUKK...
OOOG...




AND THEY WANT TO BECOME HUNTERS? WHAT A JOKE.
HMPH
THE PITIFUL DREGS THEY ARE...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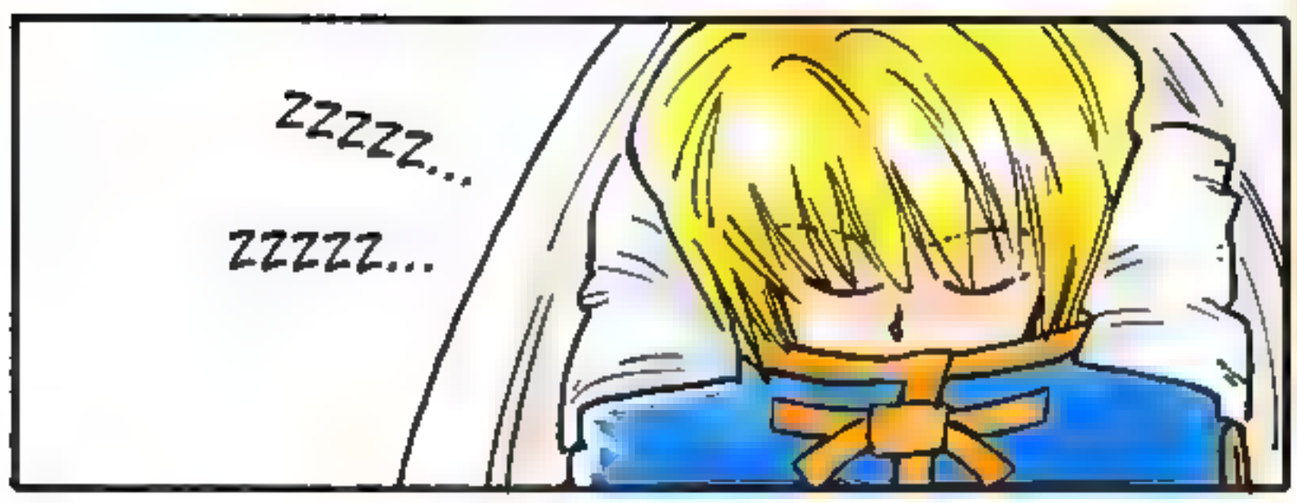
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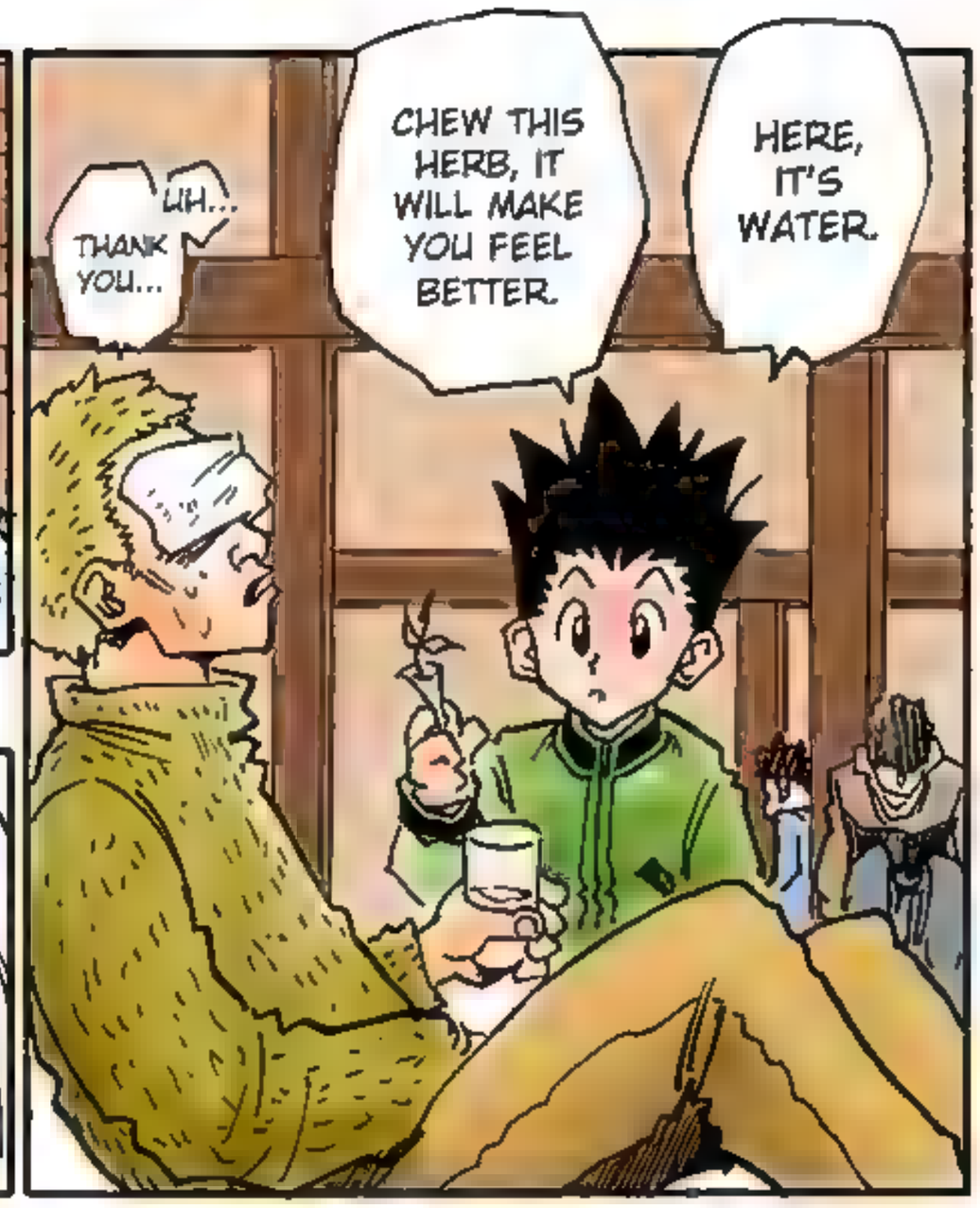
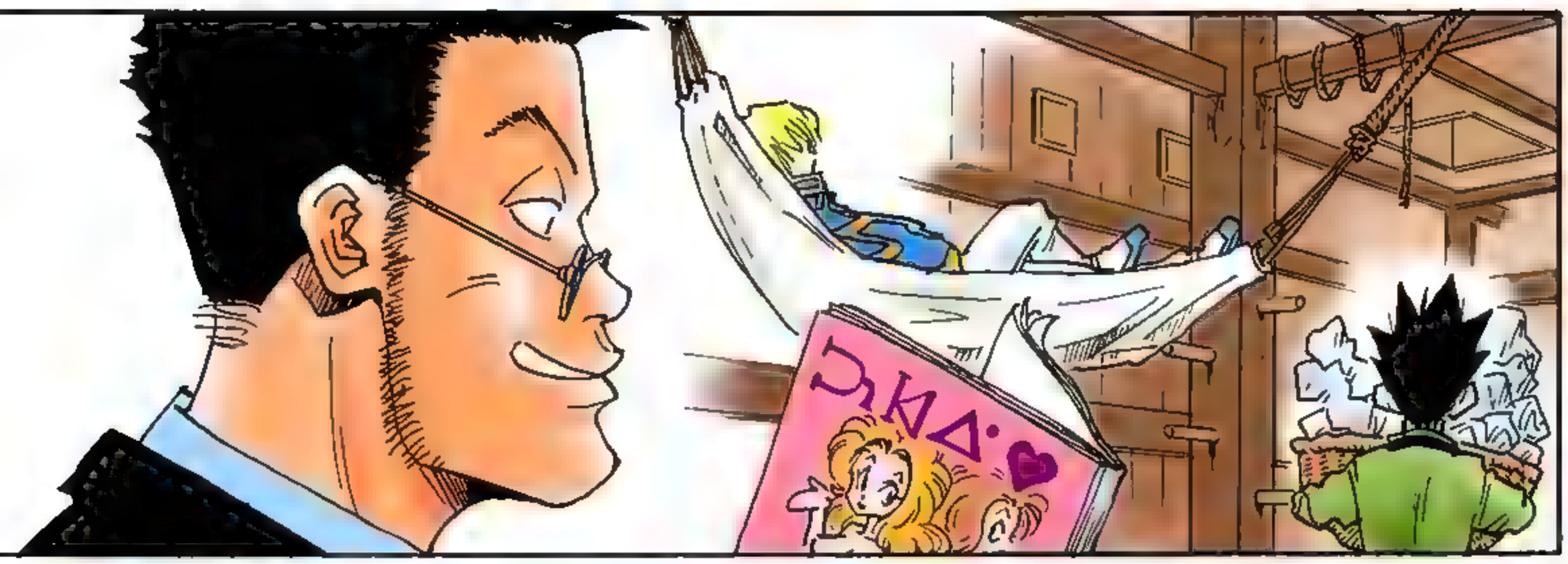
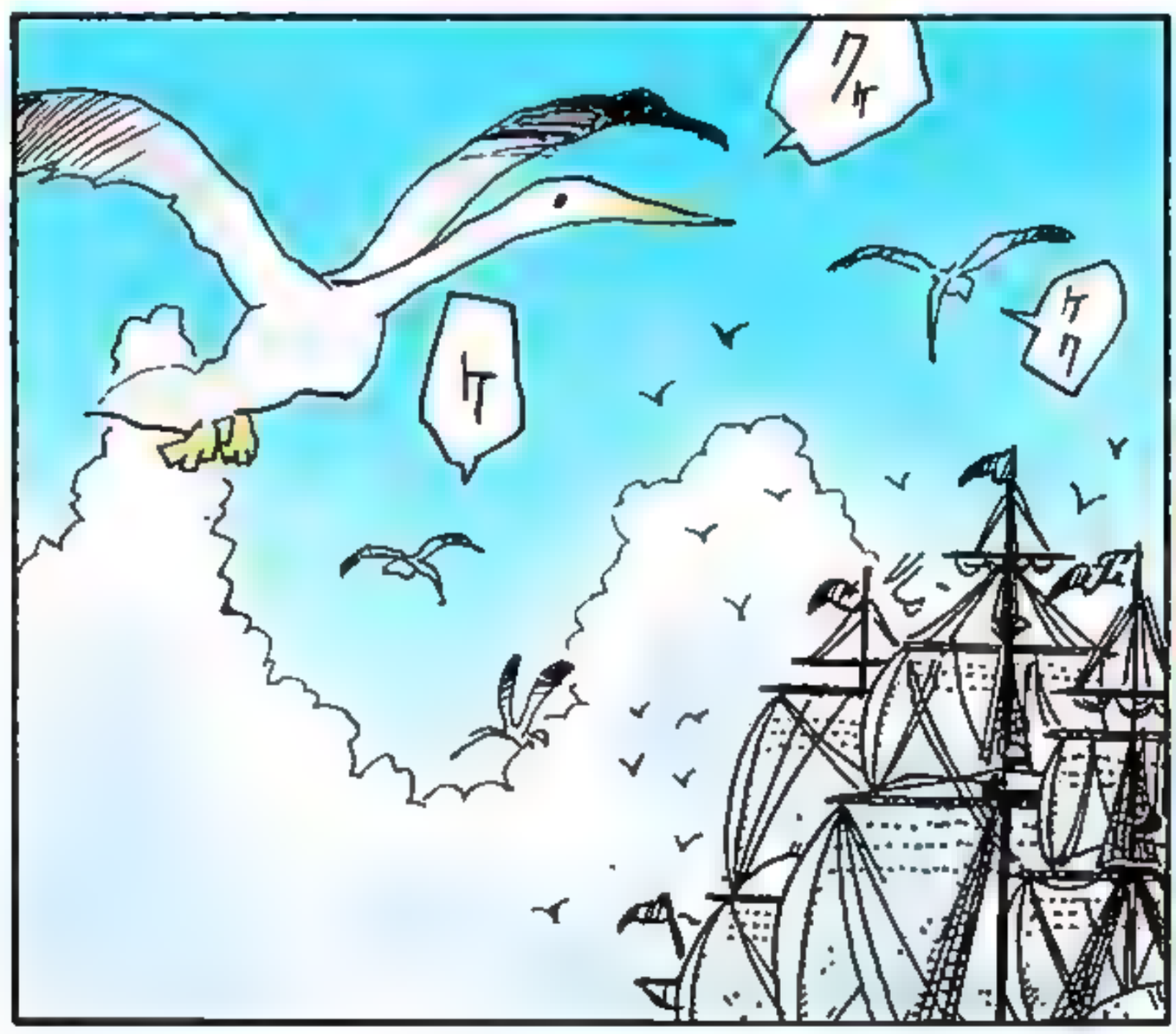

UH...
THANK YOU...
CHEW THIS HERB, IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.
HERE, IT'S WATER.

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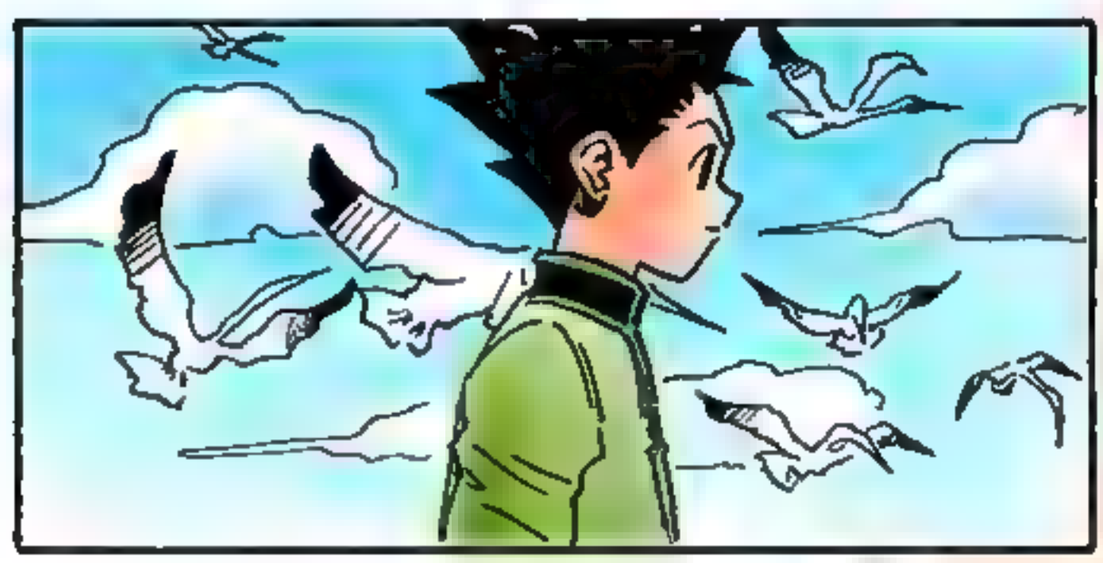
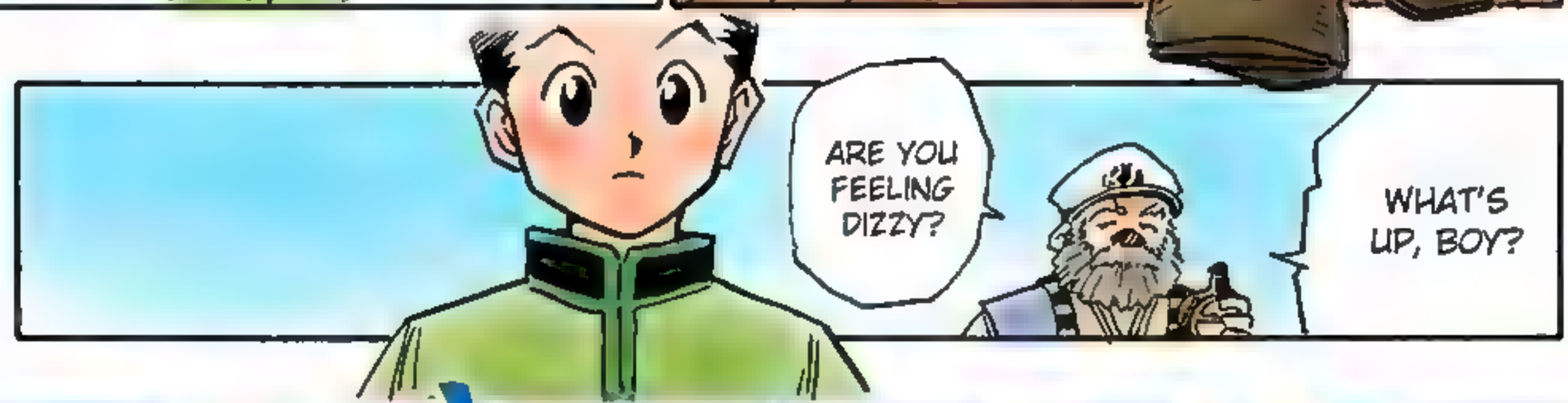
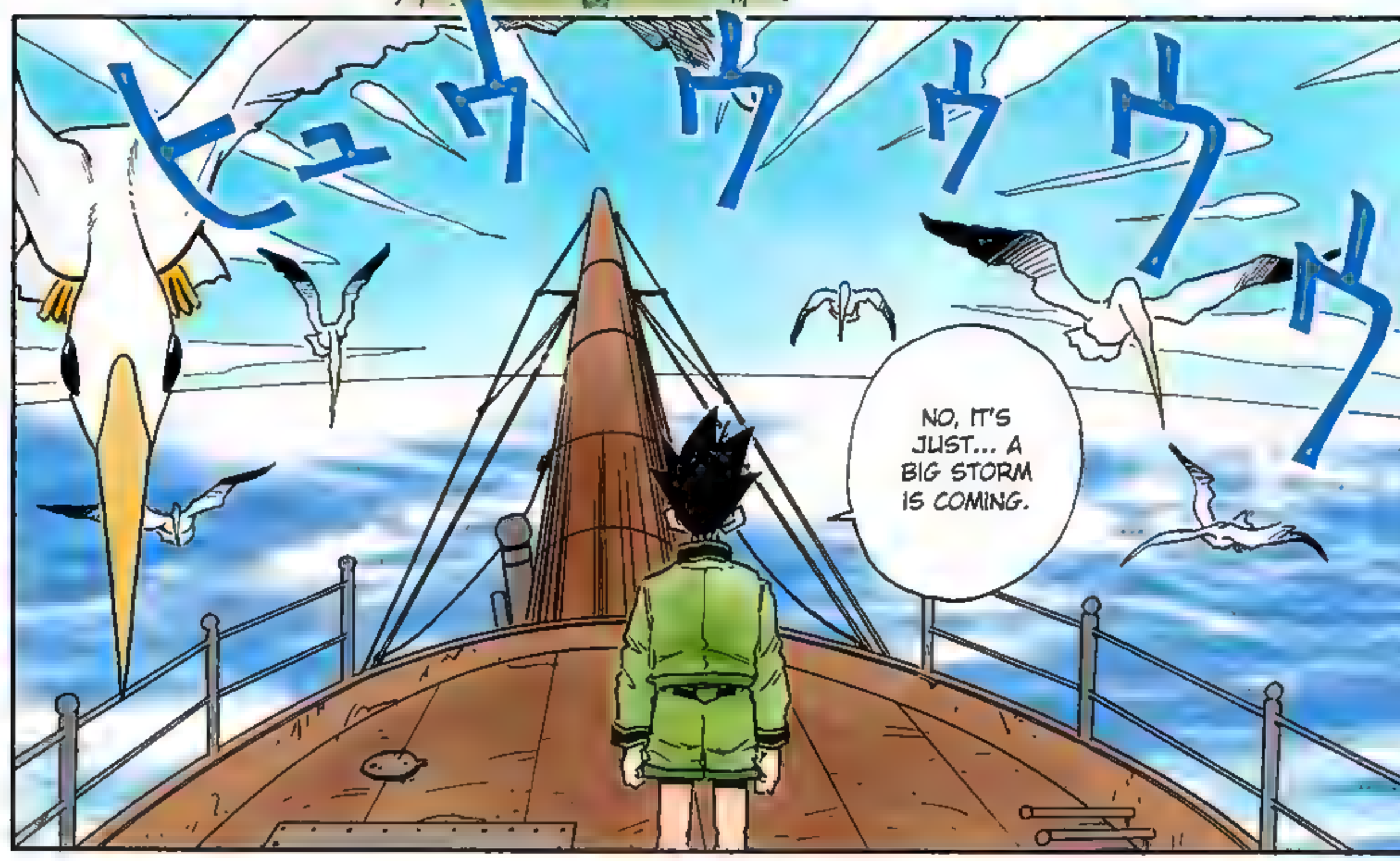
THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME POTENTIAL IN THOSE THREE.
HEH.

YES, CAP-TAIN!
COME AND RELAX OUT FOR A BIT, BOYS.
WE'LL BE PRETTY BUSY SOON...




ARE YOU FEELING DIZZY?
WHAT'S UP, BOY?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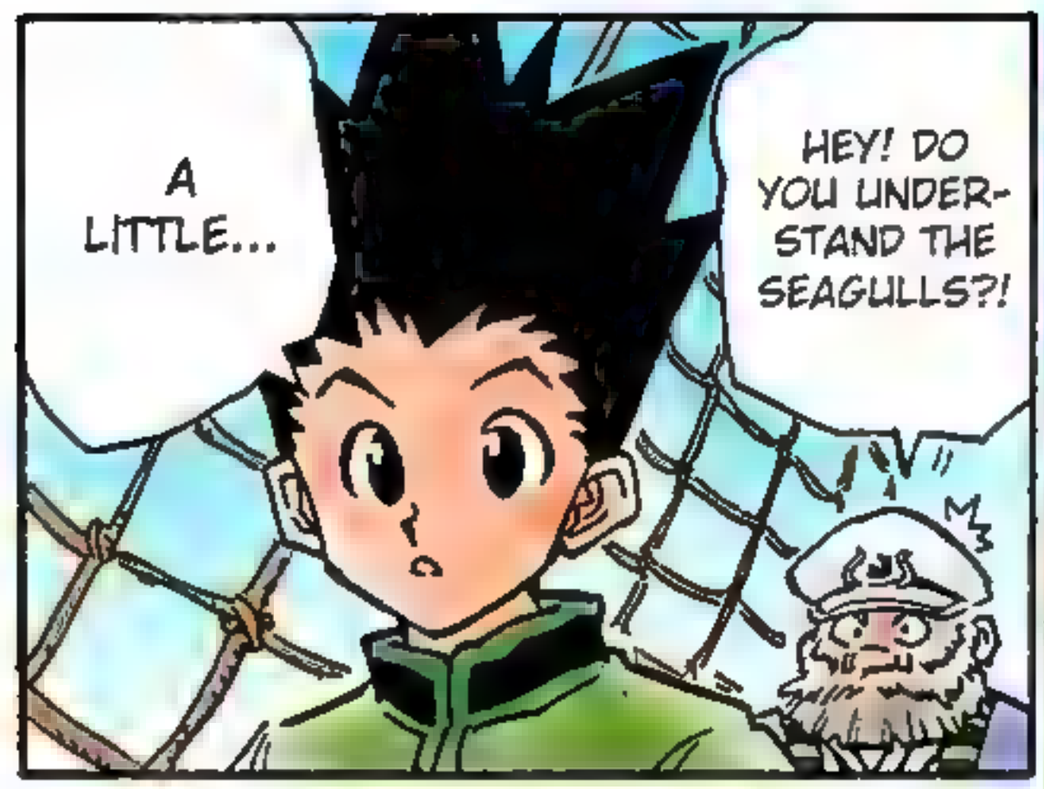
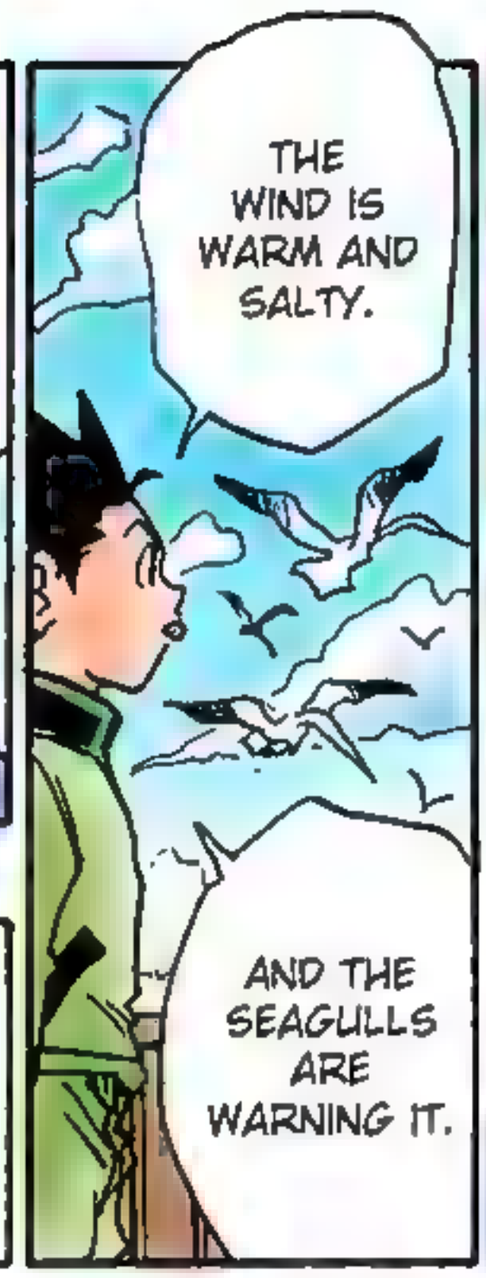
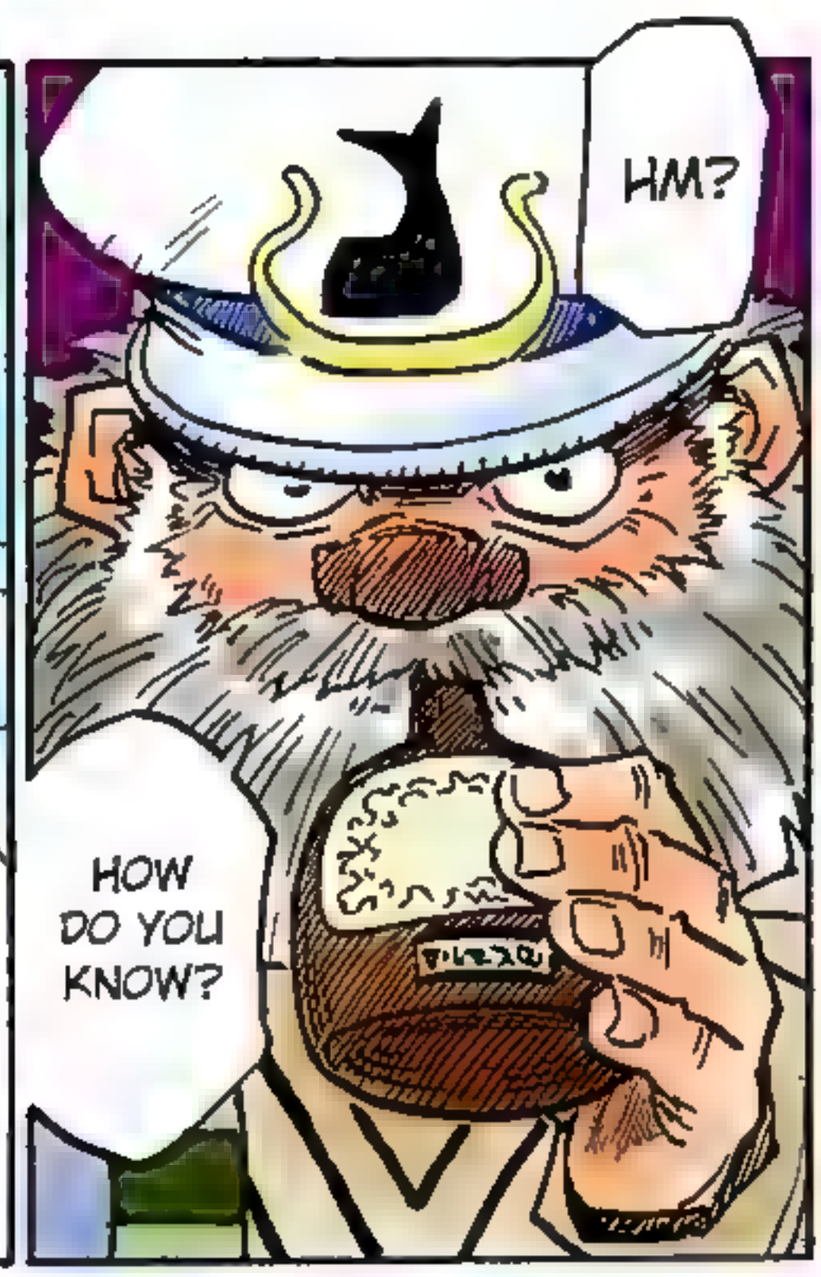
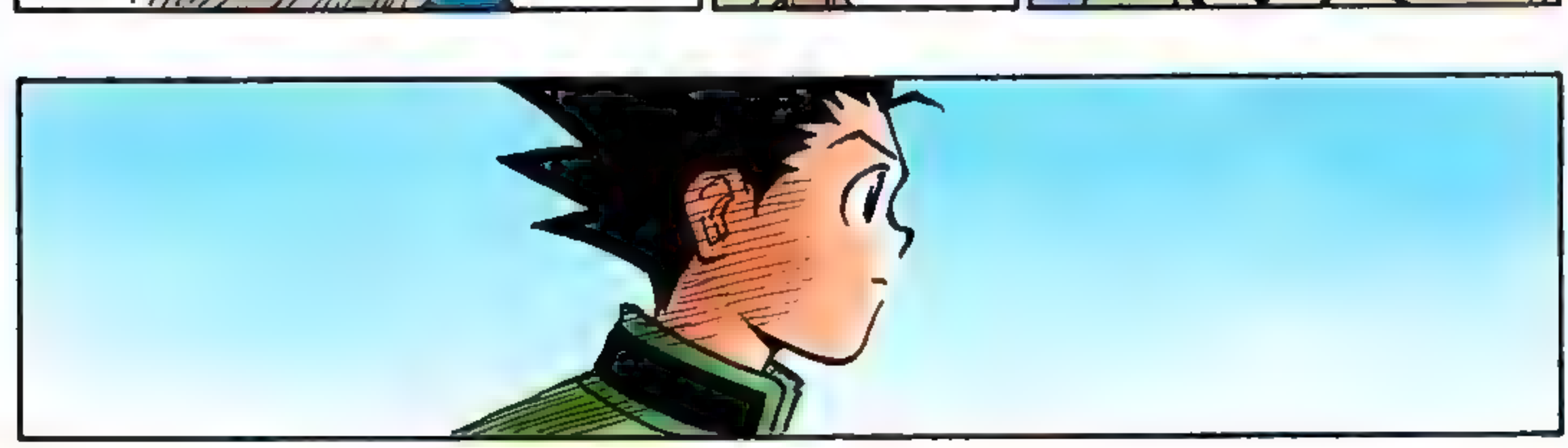
NO, IT'S JUST... A BIG STORM IS COMING.


A LITTLE...
HEY! DO YOU UNDER-STAND THE SEAGULLS?!


THE WIND IS WARM AND SALTY.
AND THE SEAGULLS ARE WARNING IT.


HM?
HOW DO YOU KNOW?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WELL, WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE...

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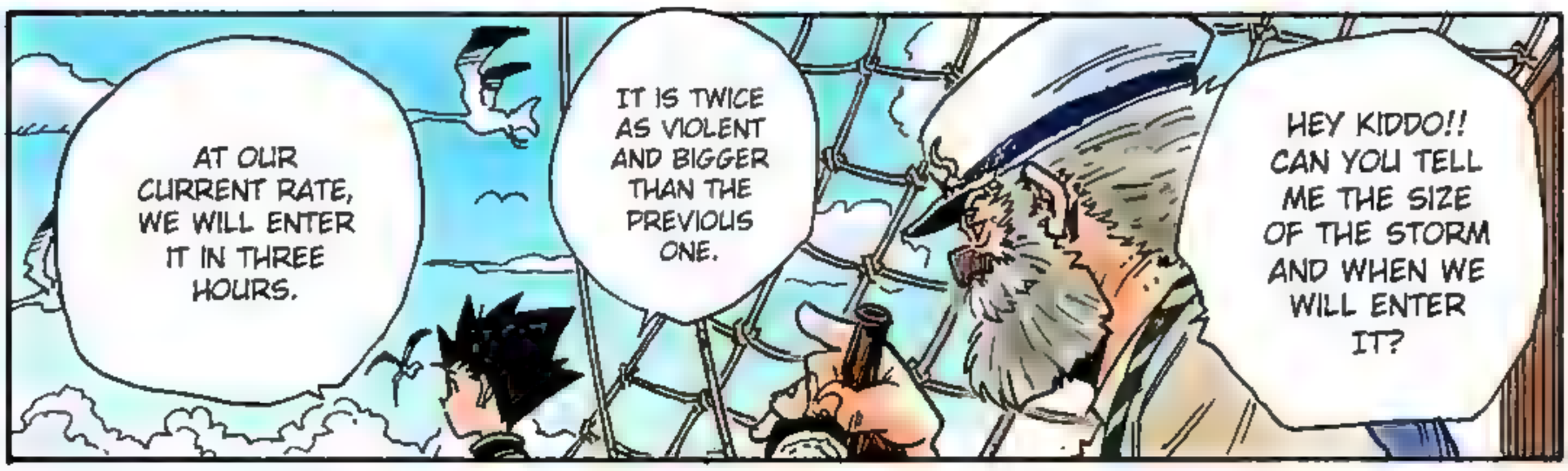
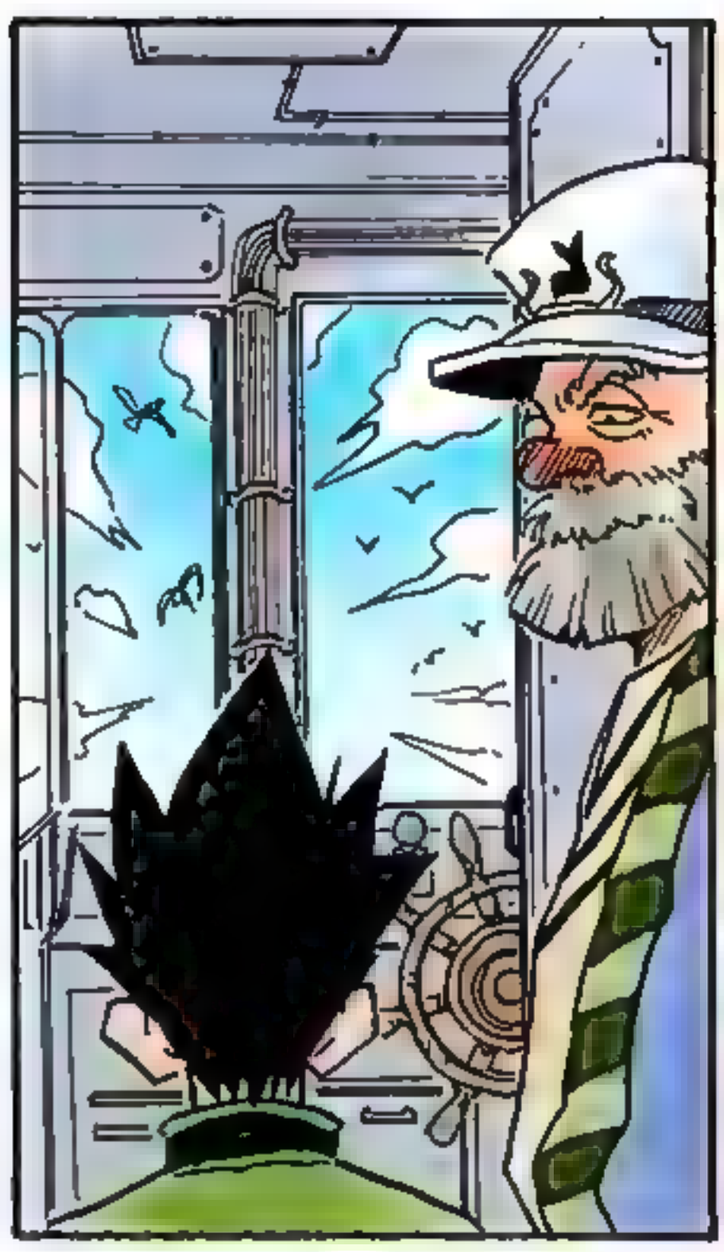
I DON'T KNOW HIM, BUT I'VE HEARD HE'S THE BEST!
HIS A HUNTER !!

WHAT DOES YOUR FATHER DO?

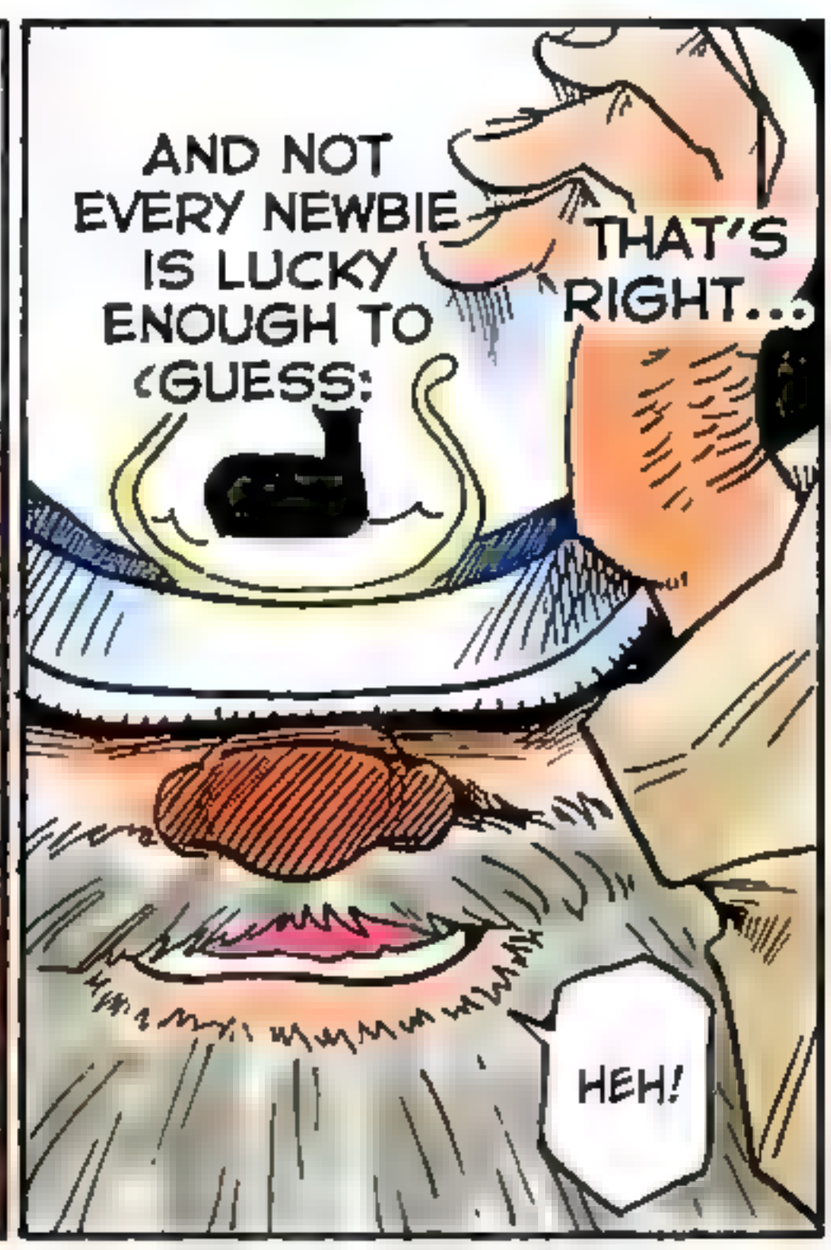
YOU EMBARKED FROM WHALE ISLAND, RIGHT?
HEY BOY...
YES.

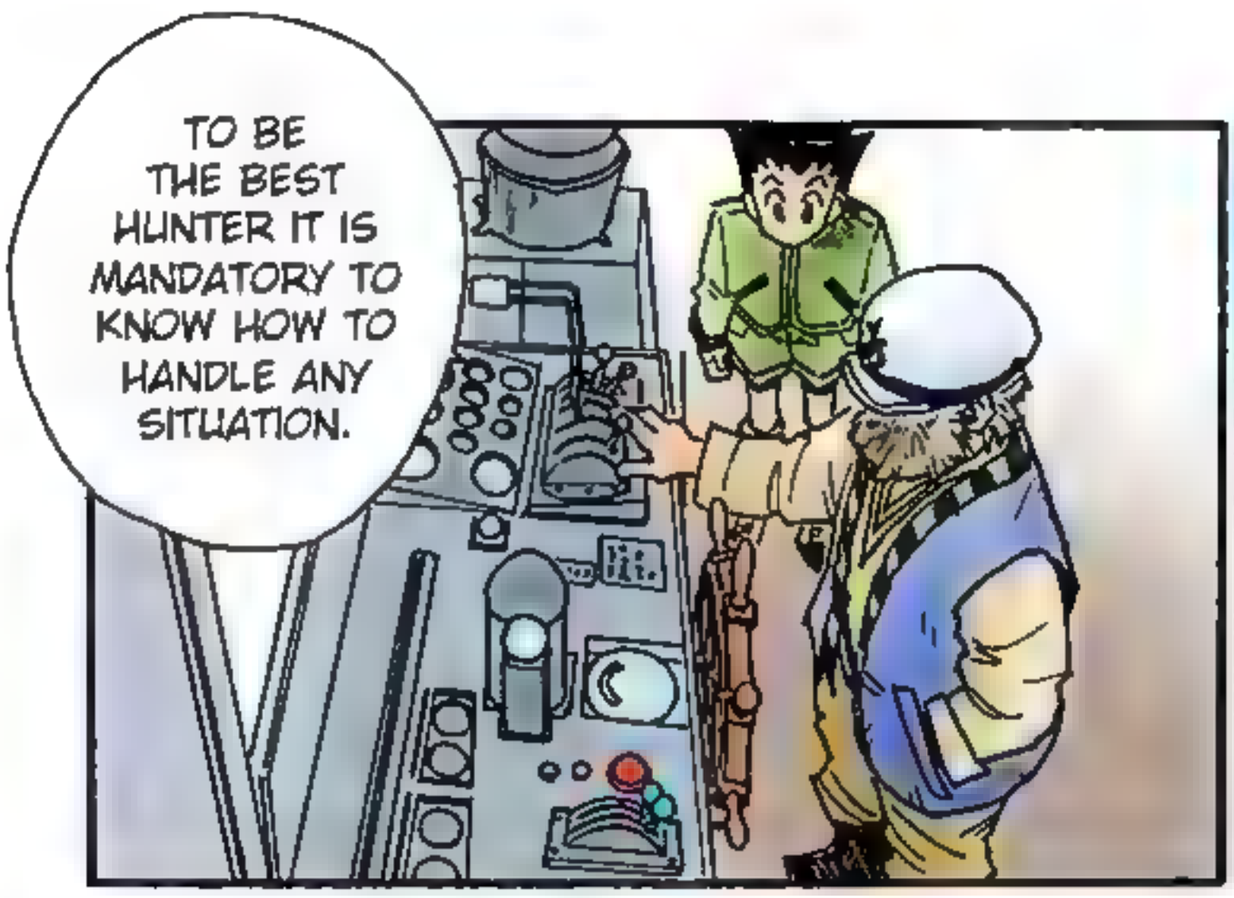
THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME...
I SEE...

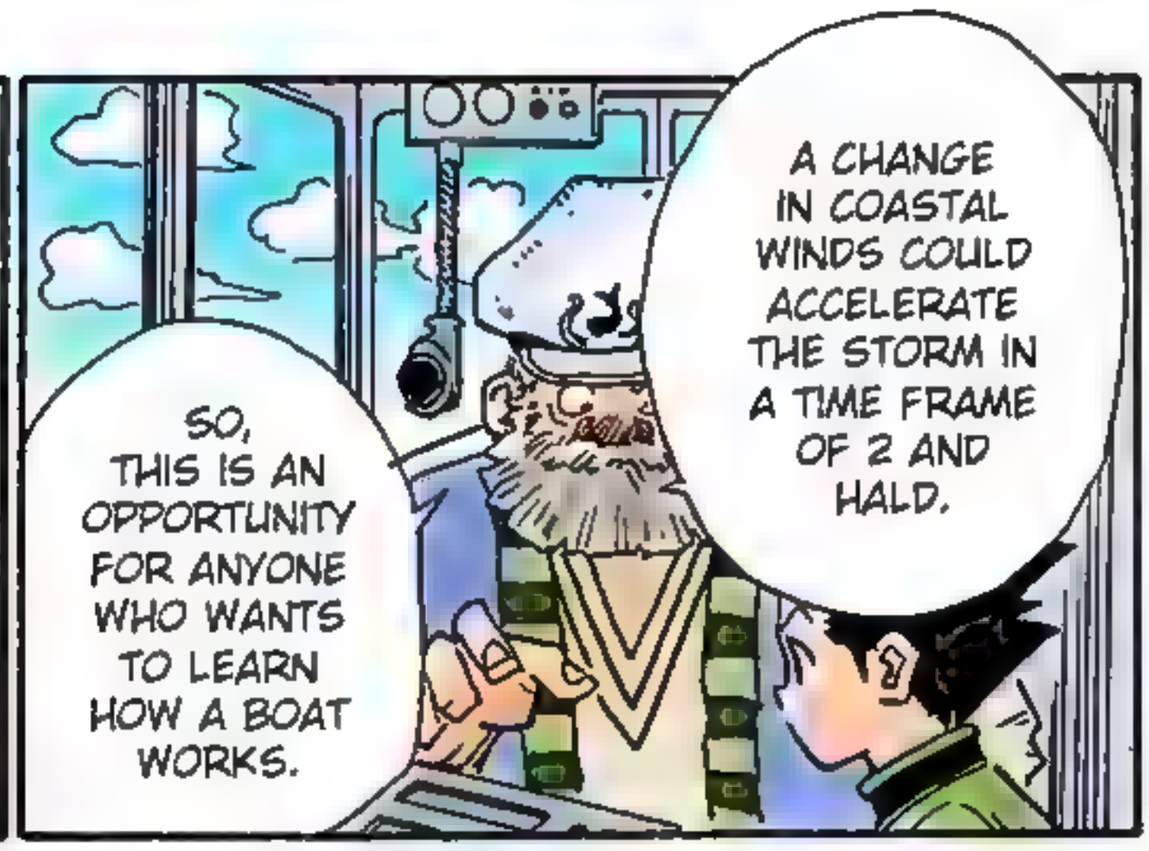

AT OUR CURRENT RATE, WE WILL ENTER IT IN THREE HOURS.
IT IS TWICE AS VIOLENT AND BIGGER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE.
HEY KIDDO!! CAN YOU TELL ME THE SIZE OF THE STORM AND WHEN WE WILL ENTER IT?

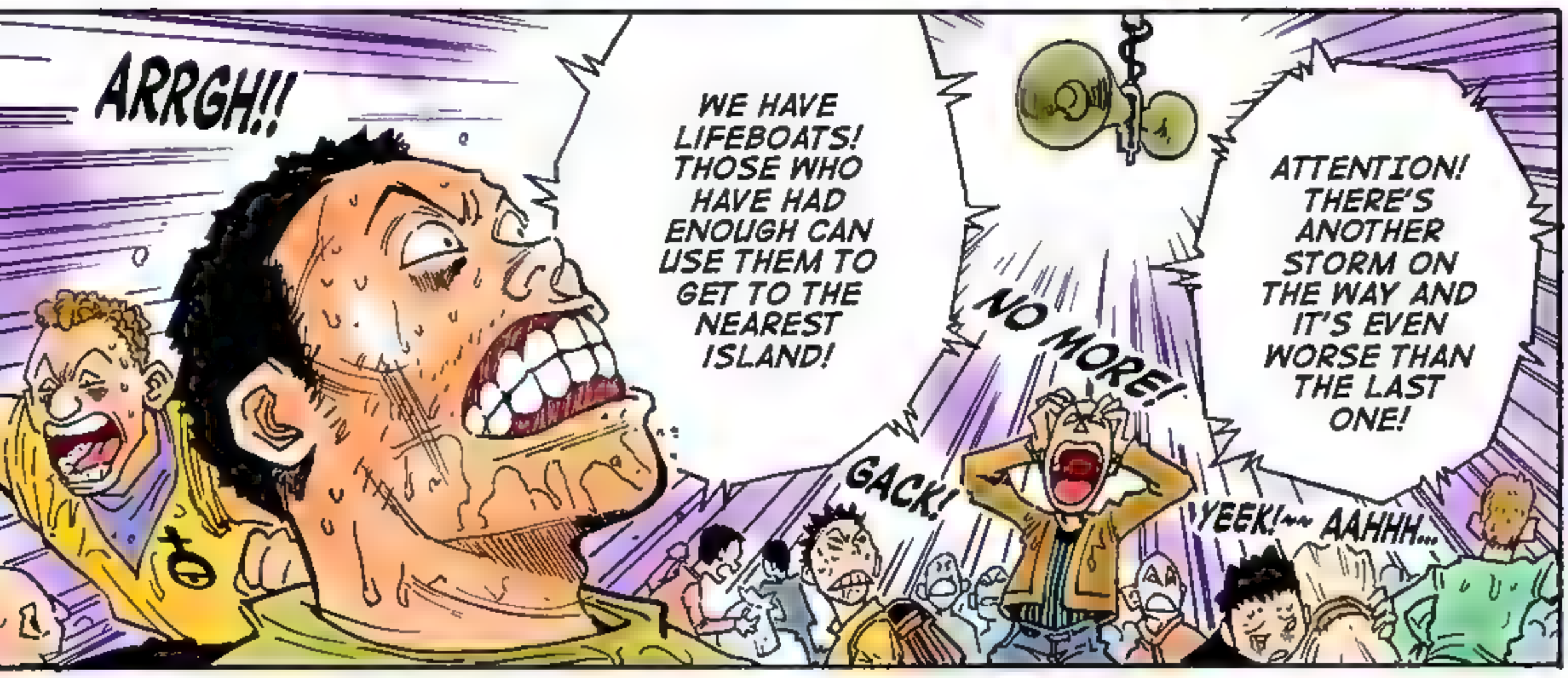


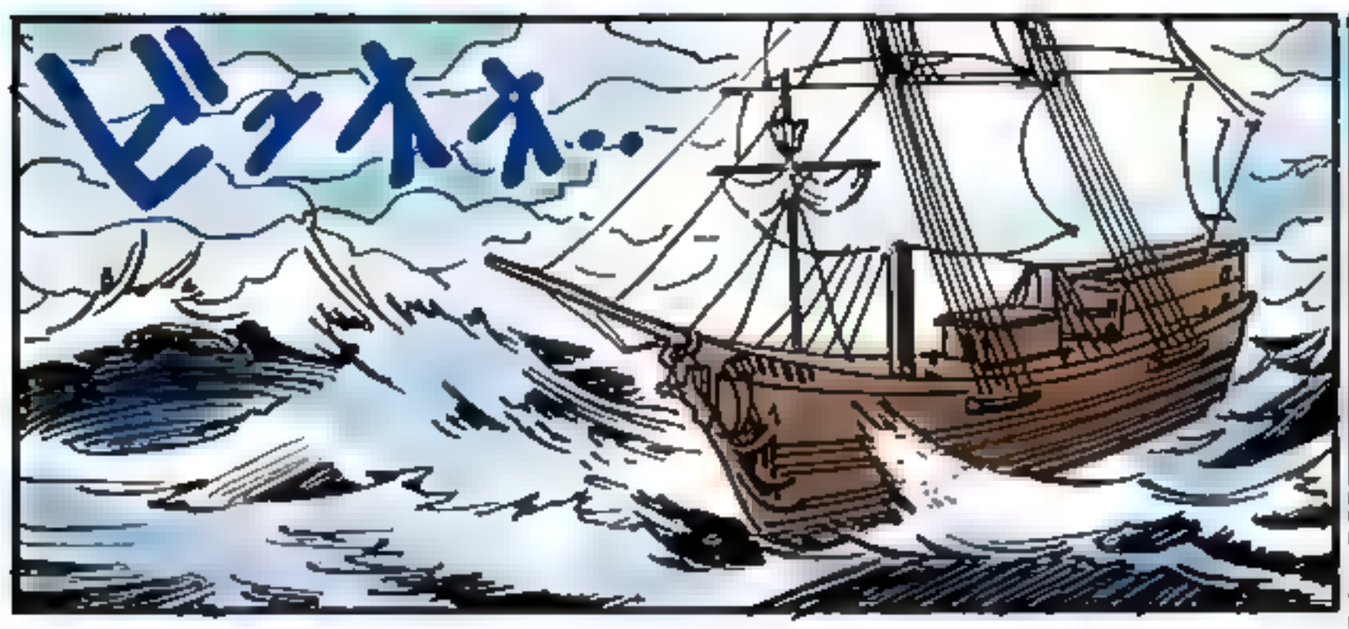
GREAT !!
COME ON!! I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO MANEUVER A SHIP.


AND NOT EVERY NEWBIE IS LUCKY ENOUGH TO GUESS:
THAT'S RIGHT...
HEH!


TO BE THE BEST HUNTER IT IS MANDATORY TO KNOW HOW TO HANDLE ANY SITUATION.


SO, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN HOW A BOAT WORKS.
A CHANGE IN COASTAL WINDS COULD ACCELERATE THE STORM IN A TIME FRAME OF 2 AND HALD.


ARRGH!!
WE HAVE LIFEBOATS! THOSE WHO HAVE HAD ENOUGH CAN USE THEM TO GET TO THE NEAREST ISLAND!
GACK!
NO MORE!
ATTENTION! THERE'S ANOTHER STORM ON THE WAY AND IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THE LAST ONE!
YEEK!~~ AAHHH...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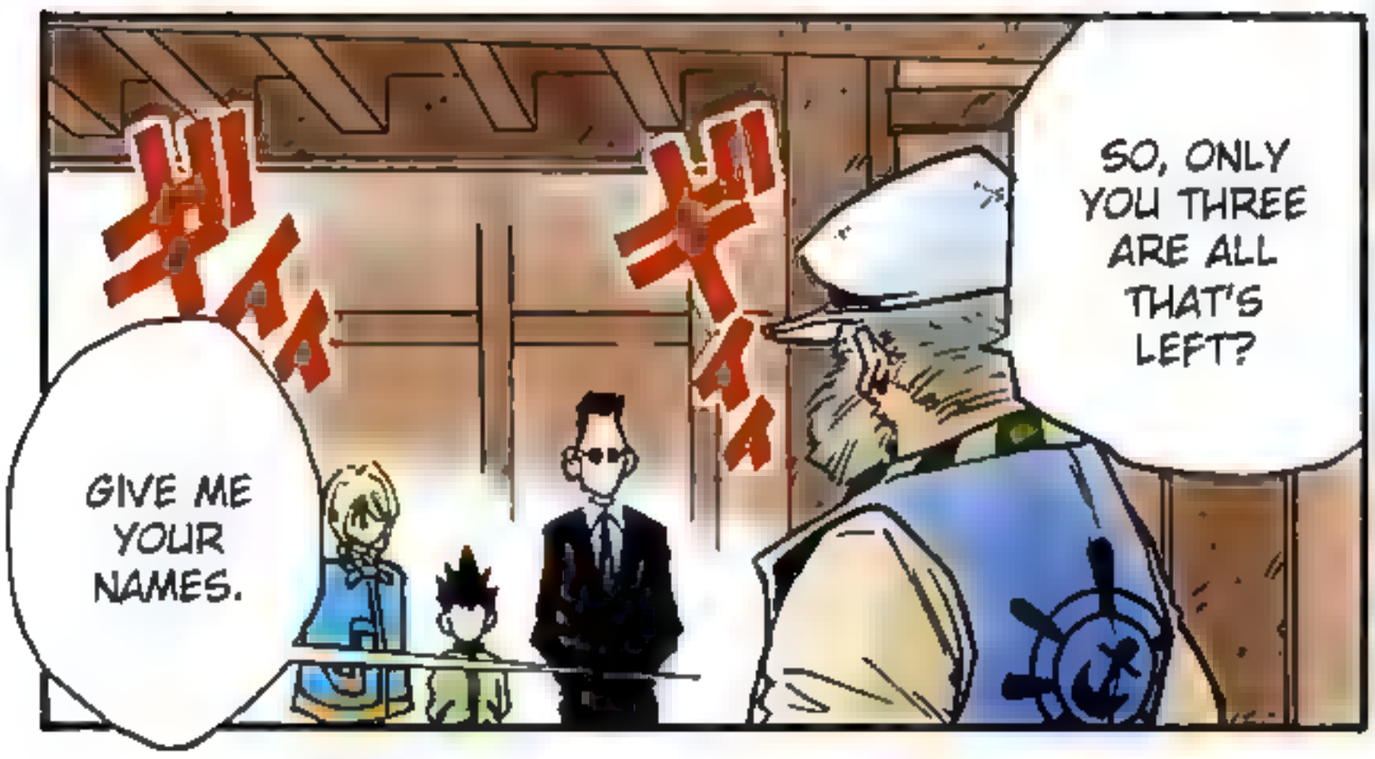
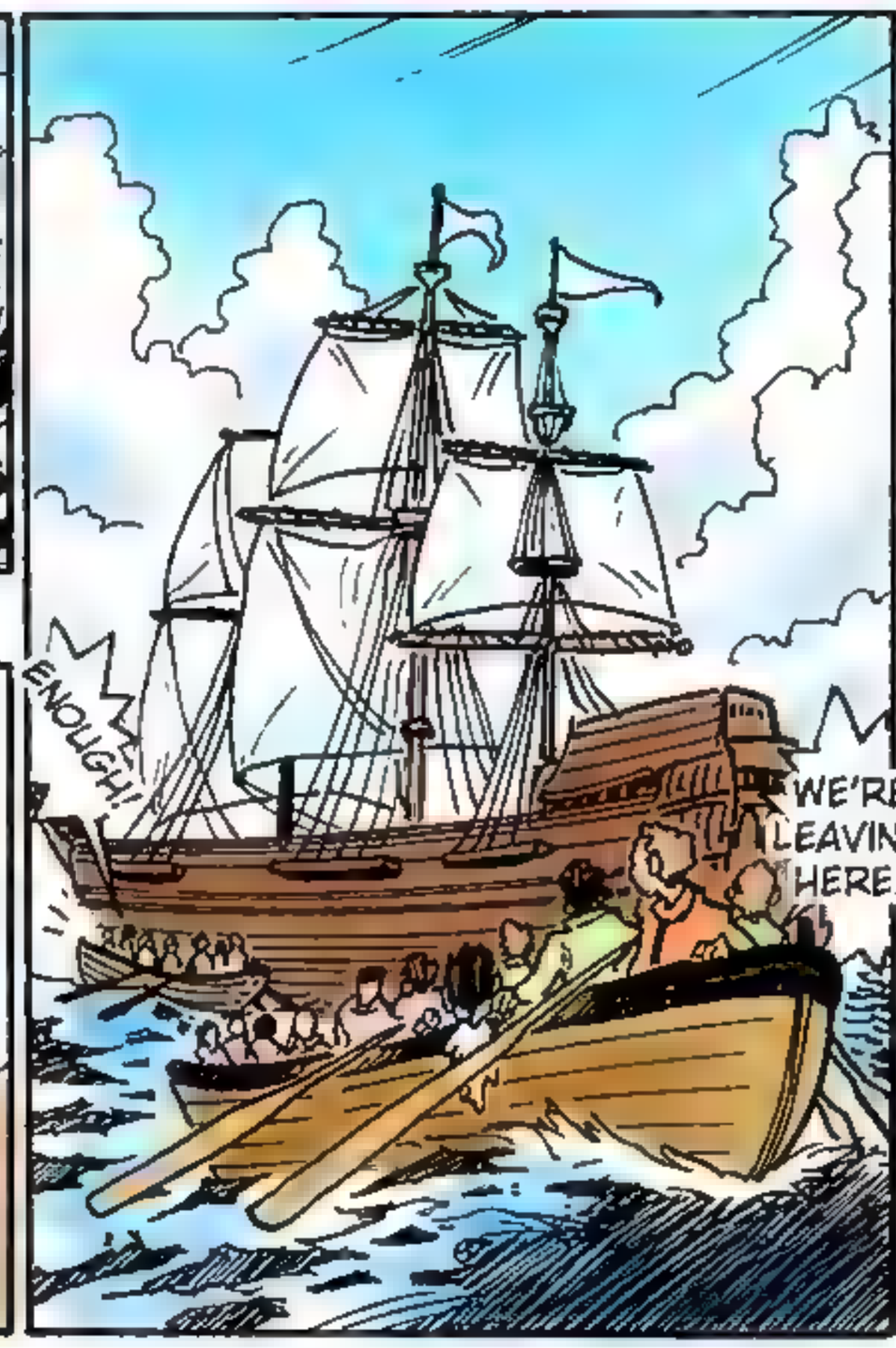

SO, ONLY YOU THREE ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT?
GIVE ME YOUR NAMES.

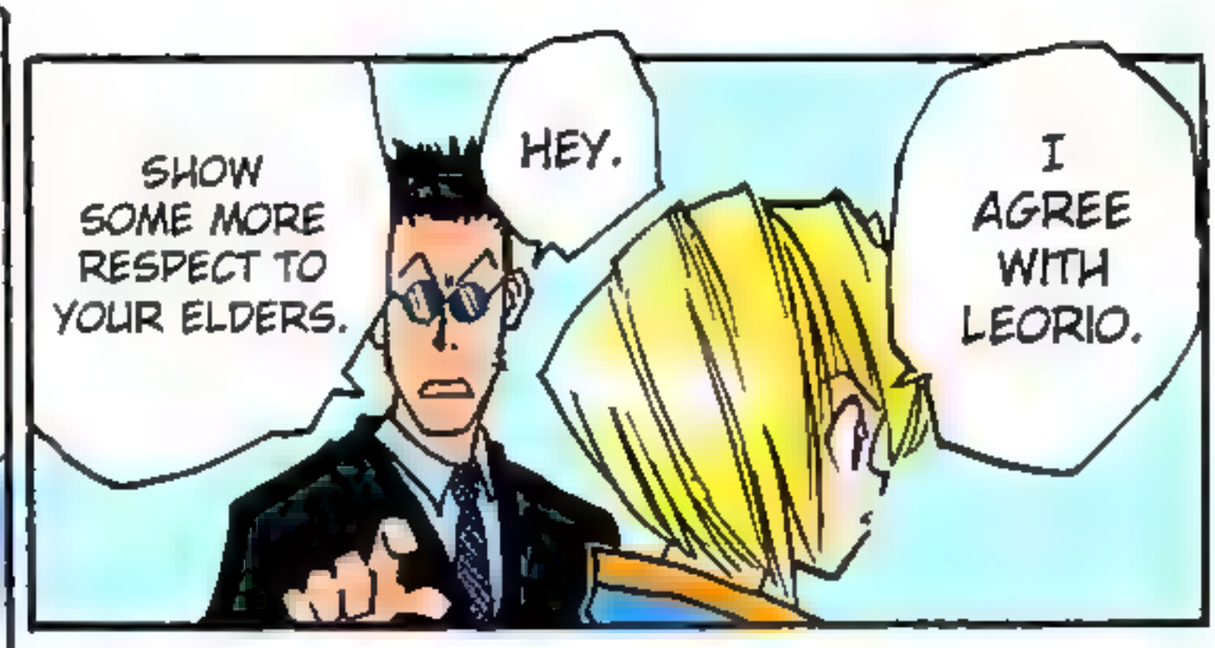

ENOUGH!
WE'RE LEAVING HERE!

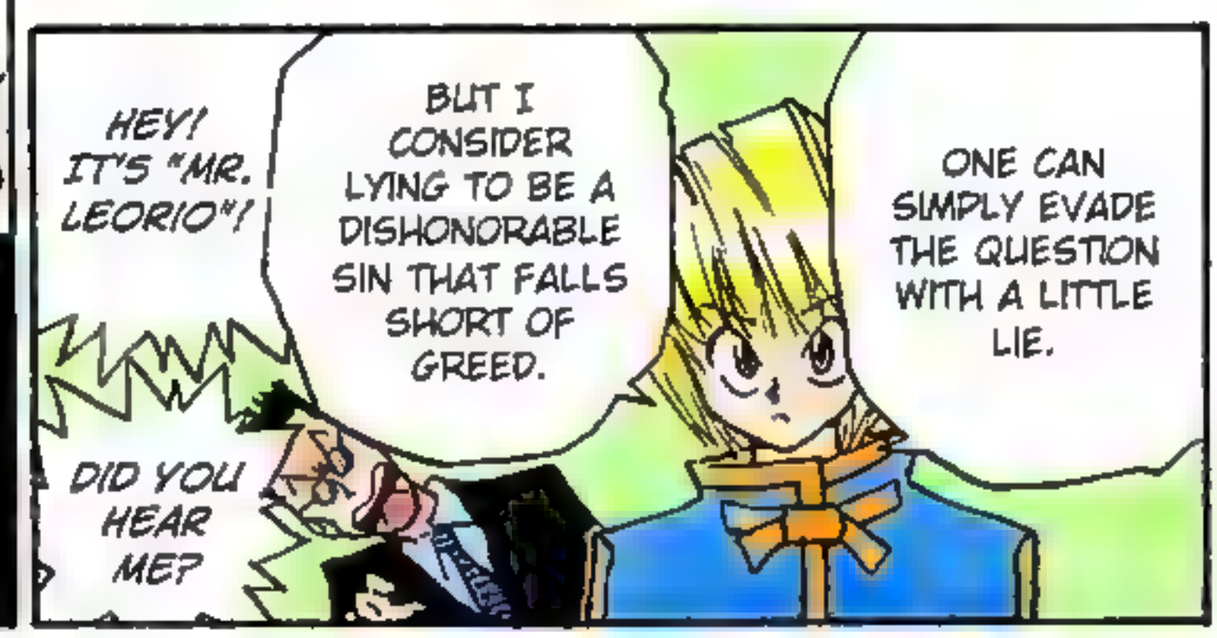
MY NAME IS KURAPIKA.

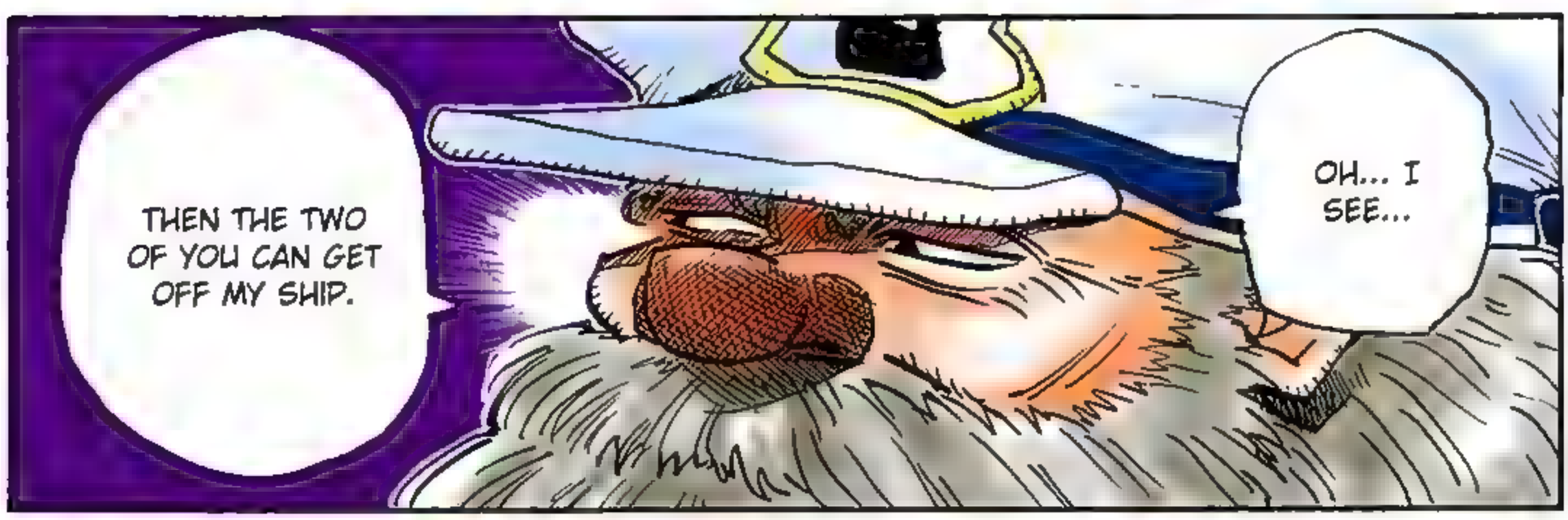
I'M GON!

MY NAME IS LEORIO.

IT IS NOT A REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR ME.
ALSO, GIVING AN HONEST ANSWER TO A PERSON I DON'T KNOW...
I CAN'T SPEAK OF MY REASONS, IT'S PERSONAL.


SHOW SOME MORE RESPECT TO YOUR ELDERS.
HEY.
I AGREE WITH LEORIO.


HEY! IT'S "MR. LEORIO"!
BUT I CONSIDER LYING TO BE A DISHONORABLE SIN THAT FALLS SHORT OF GREED.
ONE CAN SIMPLY EVADE THE QUESTION WITH A LITTLE LIE.
DID YOU HEAR ME?


THEN THE TWO OF YOU CAN GET OFF MY SHIP.
OH... I SEE...

SO LISTEN UP, THE HUNTER EXAM HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT DO YOU?

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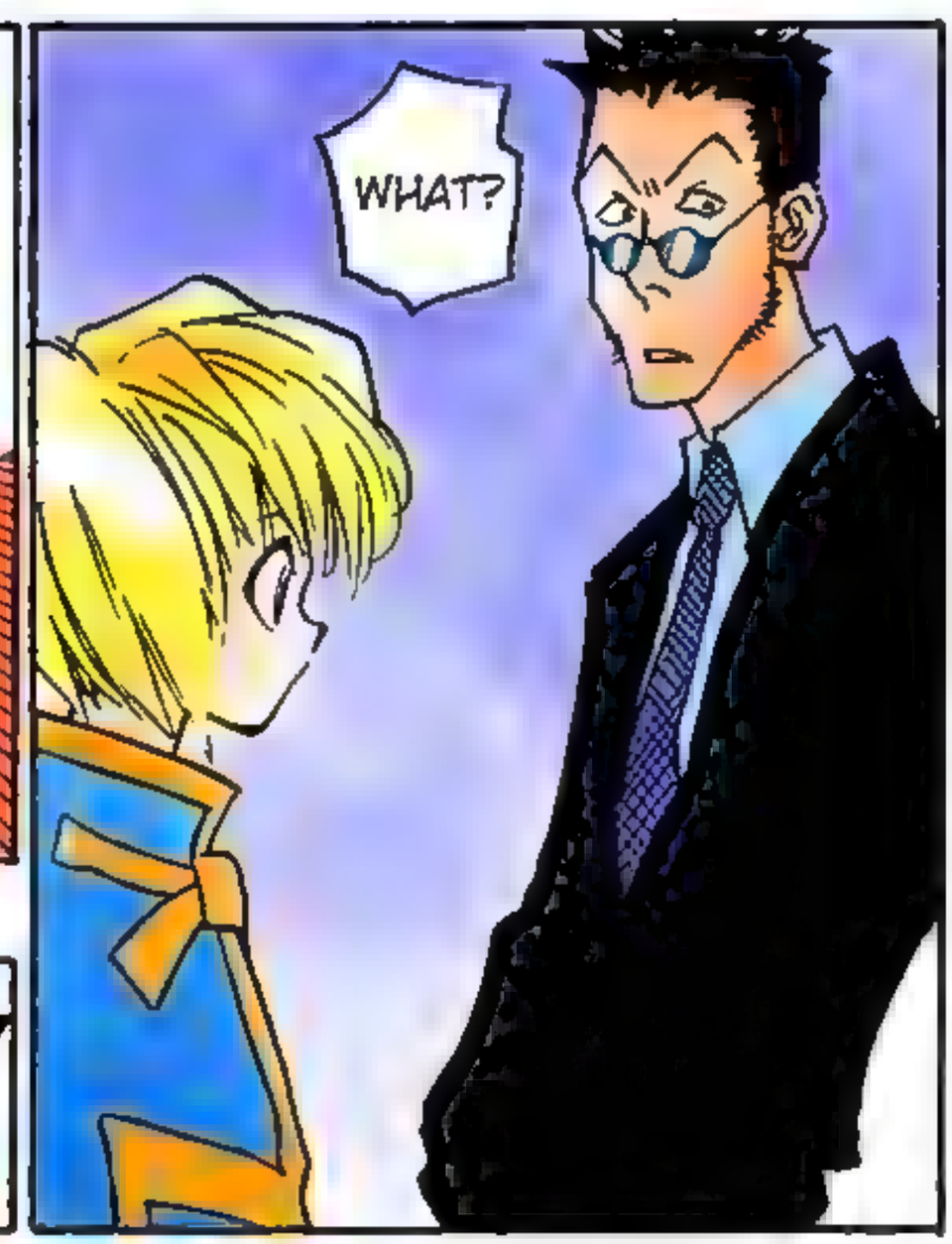
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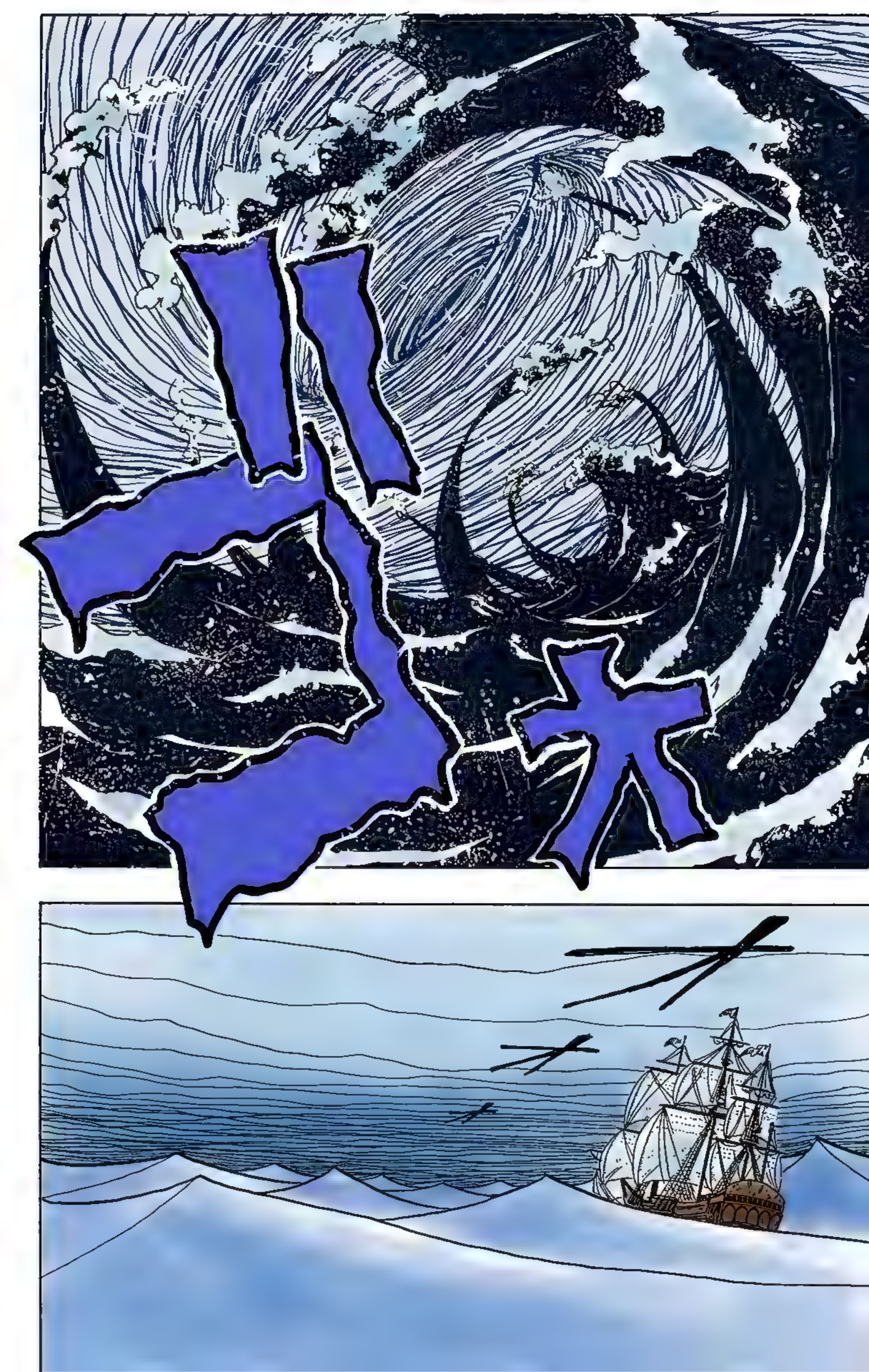
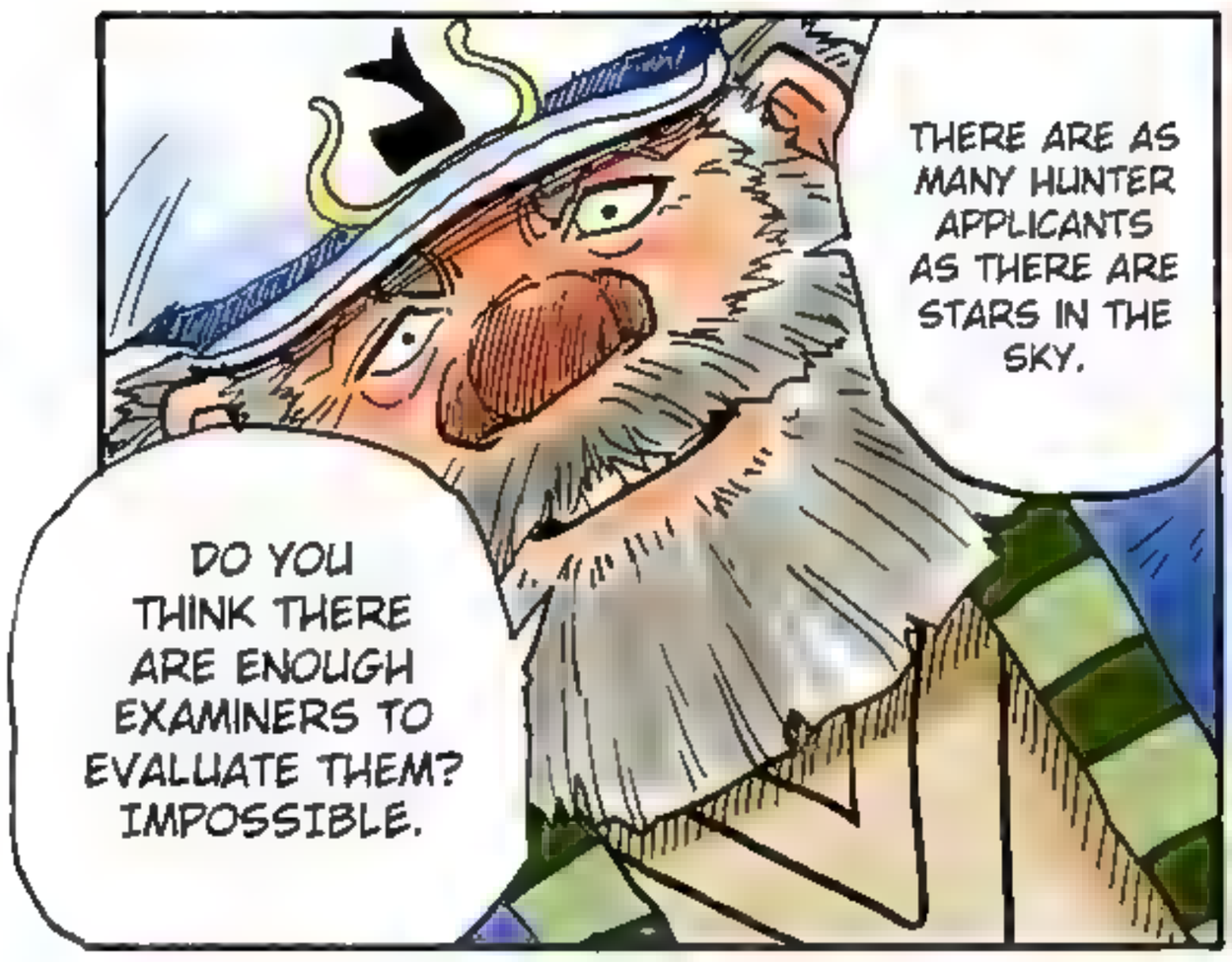
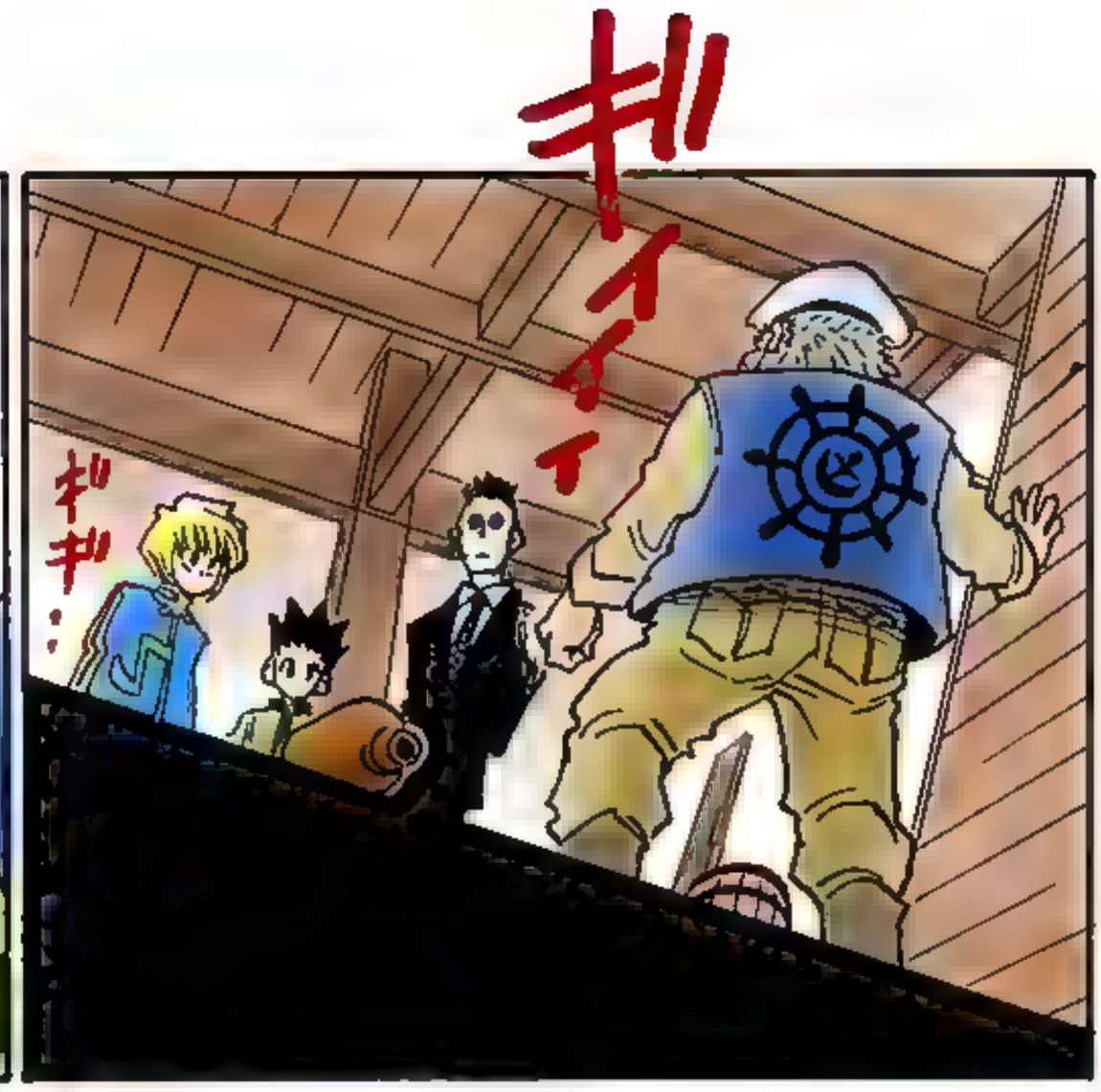



DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ENOUGH EXAMINERS TO EVALUATE THEM? IMPOSSIBLE.
THERE ARE AS MANY HUNTER APPLICANTS AS THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY.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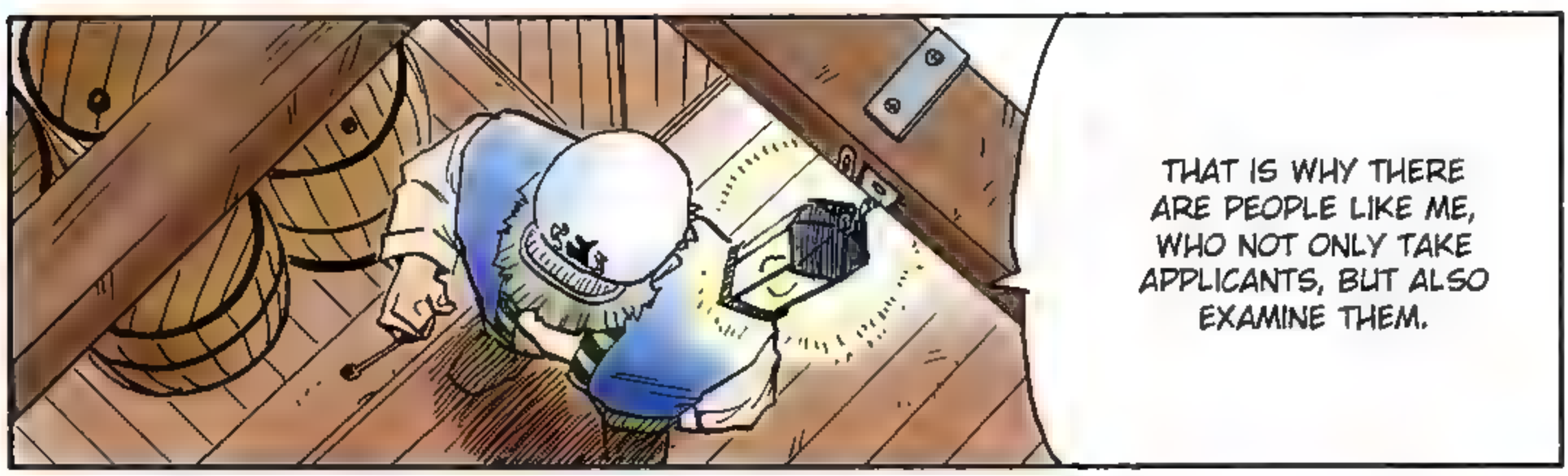
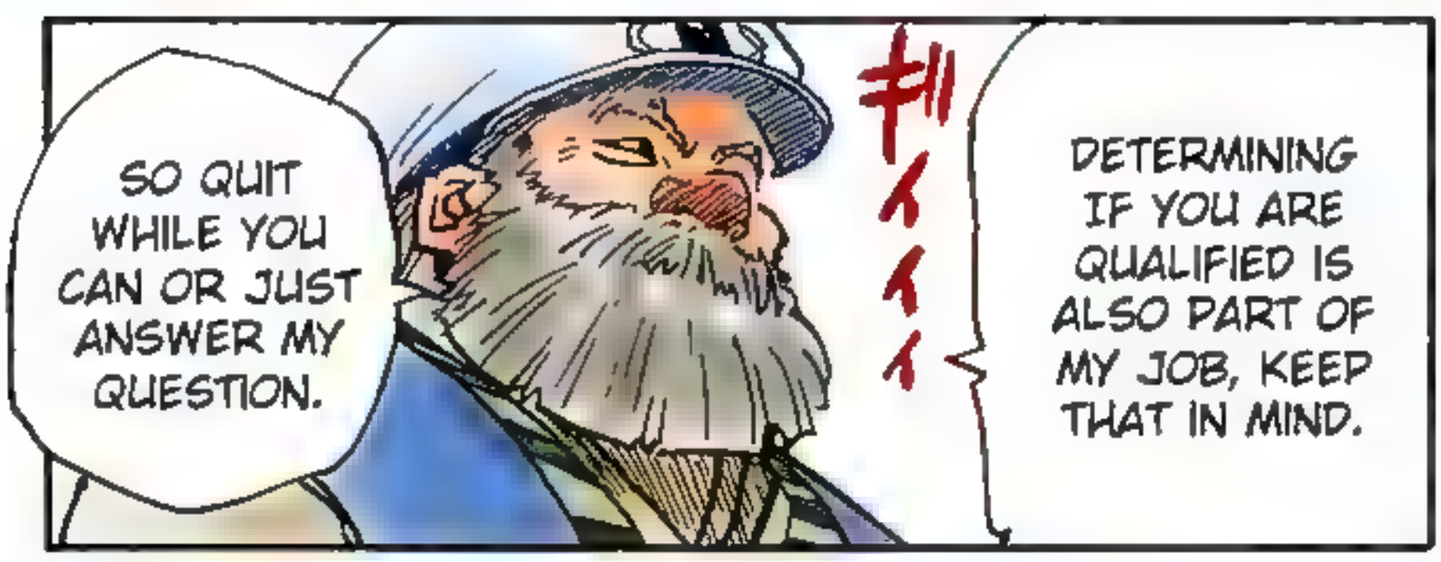

THAT IS WHY THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE ME, WHO NOT ONLY TAKE APPLICANTS, BUT ALSO EXAMINE THEM.


SO QUIT WHILE YOU CAN OR JUST ANSWER MY QUESTION.
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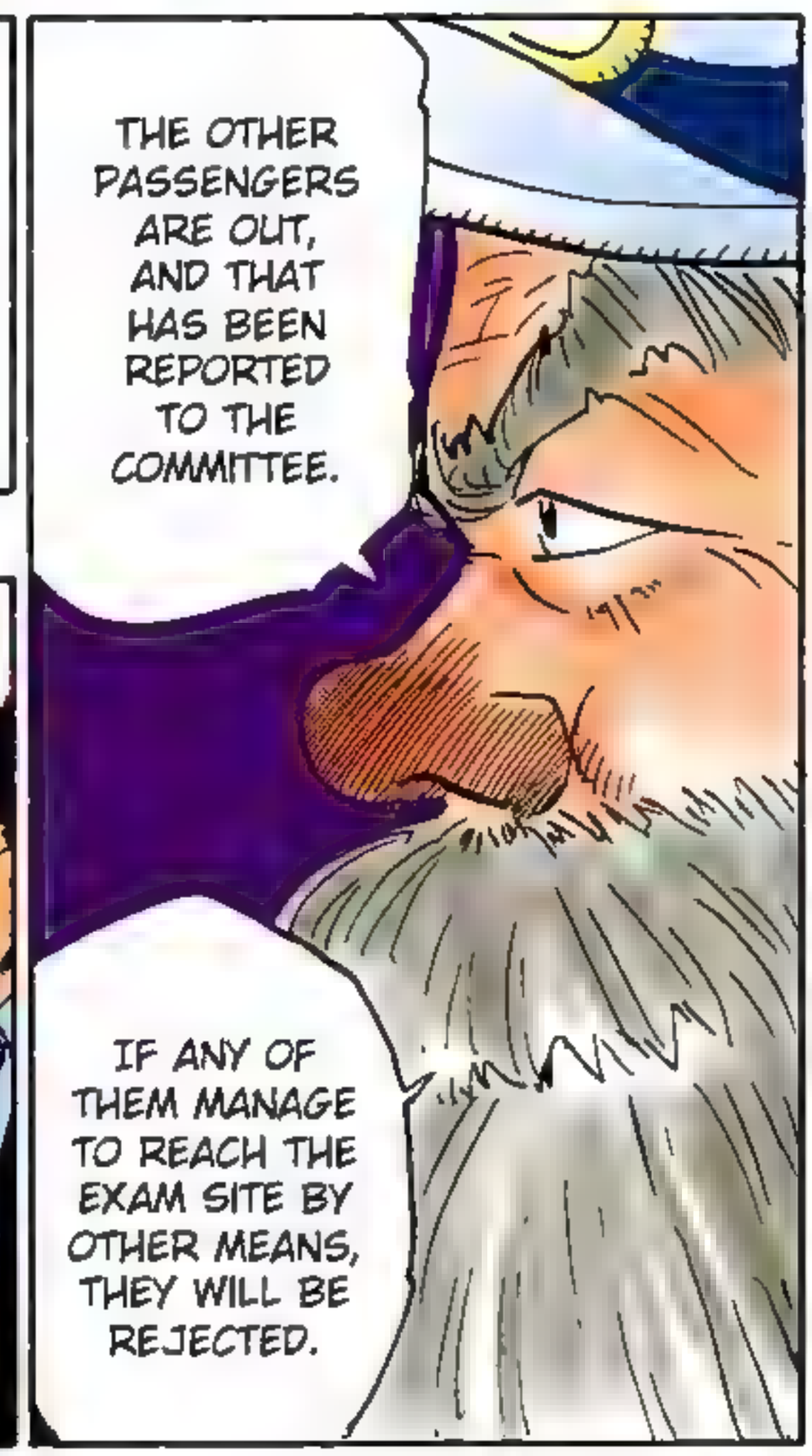
DETERMINING IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED IS ALSO PART OF MY JOB, KEEP THAT IN MIND.


THE OTHER PASSENGERS ARE OUT, AND THAT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE.
IF ANY OF THEM MANAGE TO REACH THE EXAM SITE BY OTHER MEANS, THEY WILL BE REJECTED.

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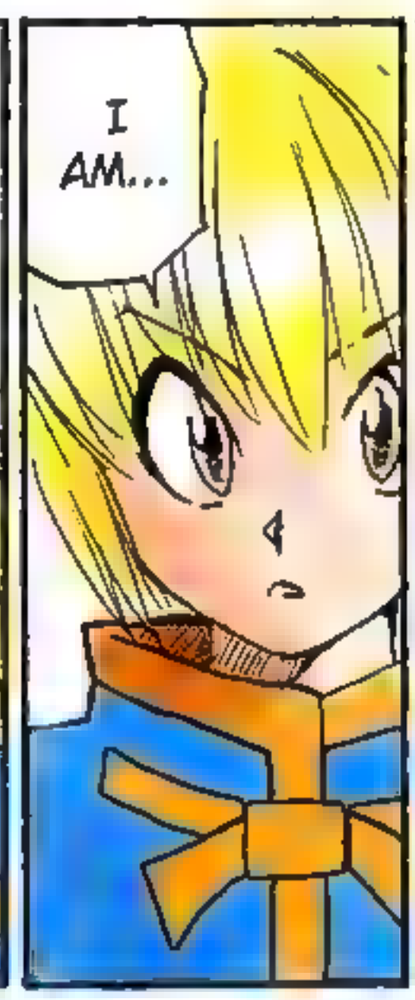
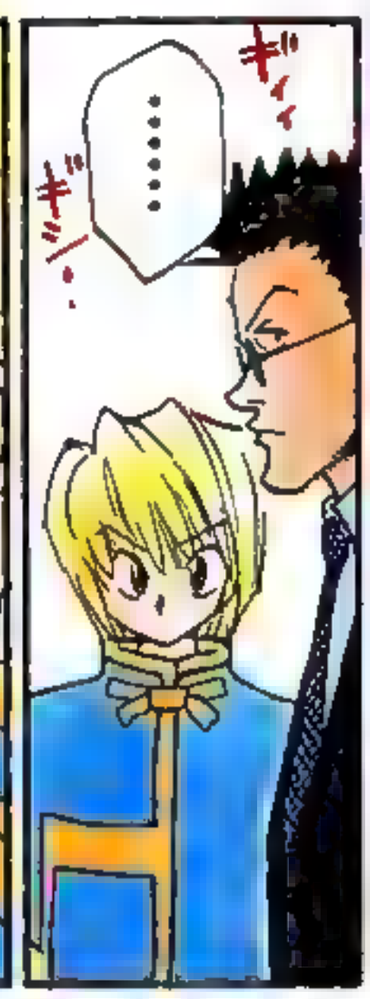
…THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE KURTA CLAN.


I AM…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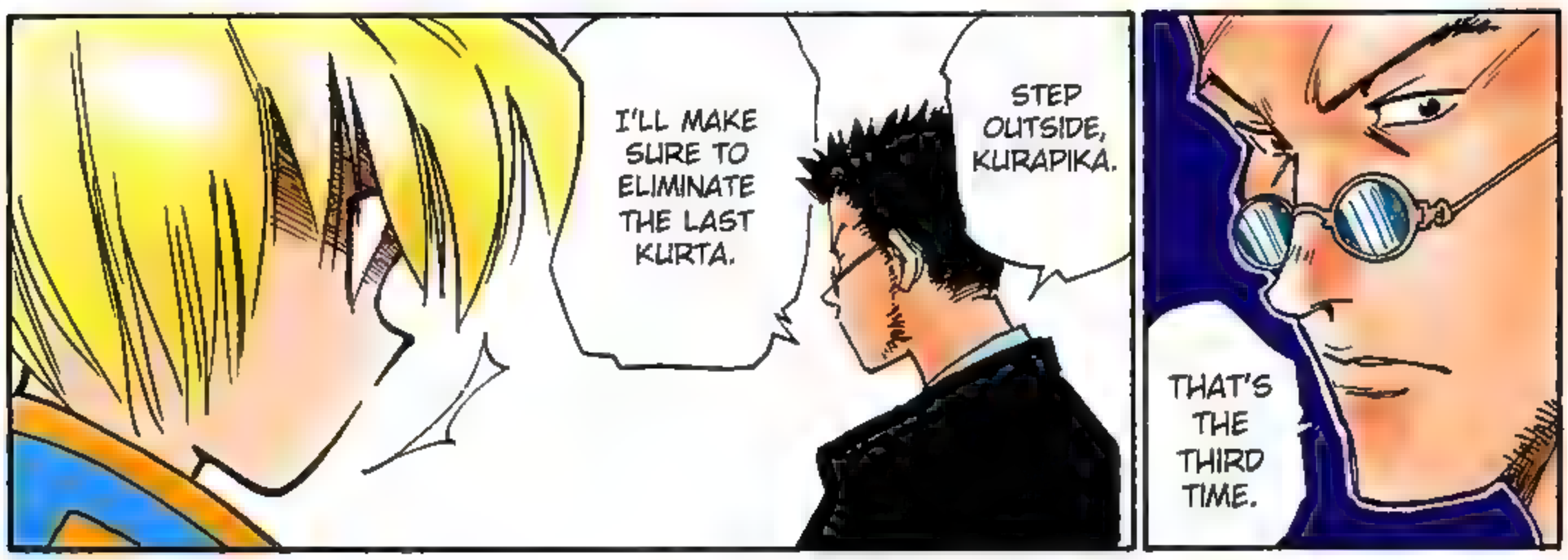
SO I WANT TO BECOME A HUNTER, TO CAPTURE THE GROUP THAT CALL THEMSELVES THE PHANTOM TROUPE.
FOUR YEARS AGO, MY CLAN WAS MASSACRED BY A GROUP OF BANDITS.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF DEATH.
THE ONLY THING I FEAR IS THAT MY ANGER WILL DISAPPEAR ONE DAY.
THE PHANTOM TROUPE CLASSIFIES AS A CLASS A REWARD. EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED HUNTERS ARE RELUCTANT TO GO AFTER THEM.
THOSE FEW WHO HAVE TRIED, HAVE DIED.
SO YOU WANT TO BECOME A BLACKLIST HUNTER!
AND YOU, LEORIO?
GRR...
THE PLACES YOU CANNOT GO, INACCESSIBLE INFORMATION, AND OTHER THINGS YOU CANNOT DO UNLESS YOU ARE A HUNTER.. IT IS ENOUGH FOR YOUR LITTLE MIND.
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS, LEORIO.
SO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR REVENGE? YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A HUNTER TO DO THAT.

A GREAT HOUSE!! GREAT CAR!! THE BEST ALCOHOL!!

I WANT MONEY!! A LOT OF MONEY! MONEY CAN BUY ANY-THING!

ME? I'M NOT HAPPY WITH TELLING YOU EVERYTHING, SO I'LL GET TO THE POINT.

YET YOU LACK MANNERS.



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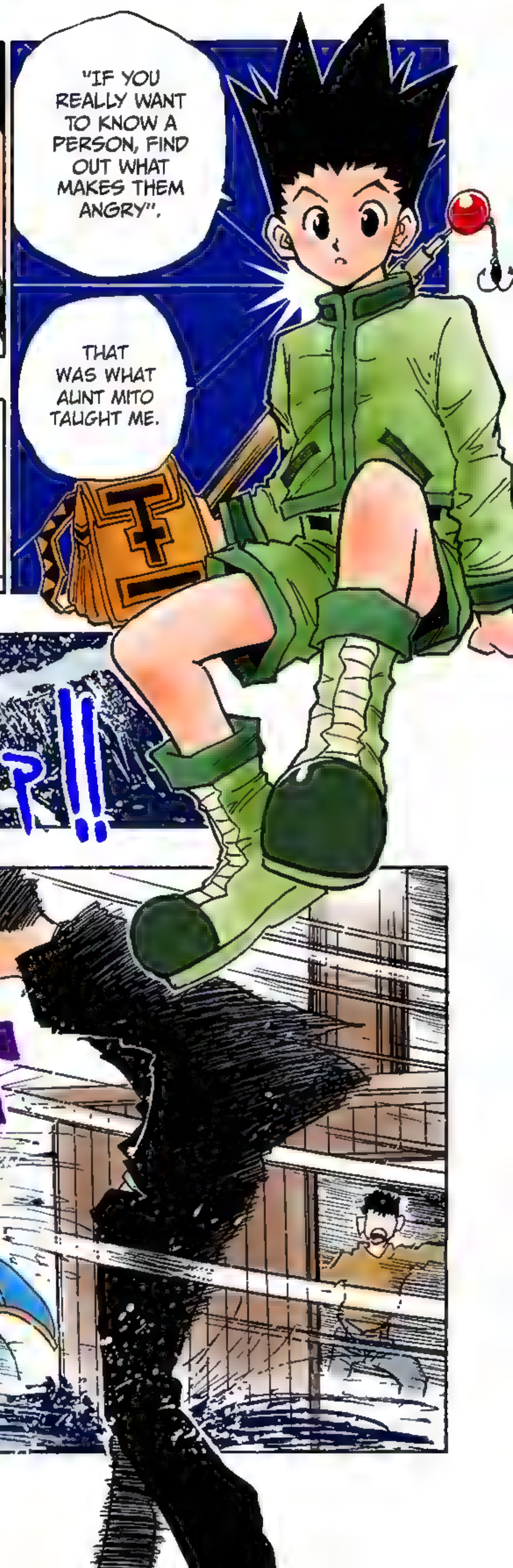
IF SOMETHING IS REALLY BOTHERING THE 2 OF THEM...
IT'S BETTER TO LET THEM FIGHT.


"IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW A PERSON, FIND OUT WHAT MAKES THEM ANGRY".
THAT WAS WHAT AUNT MITO TAUGHT ME.

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CAPTAIN! WIND GUSTS ARE TOO STRONG!

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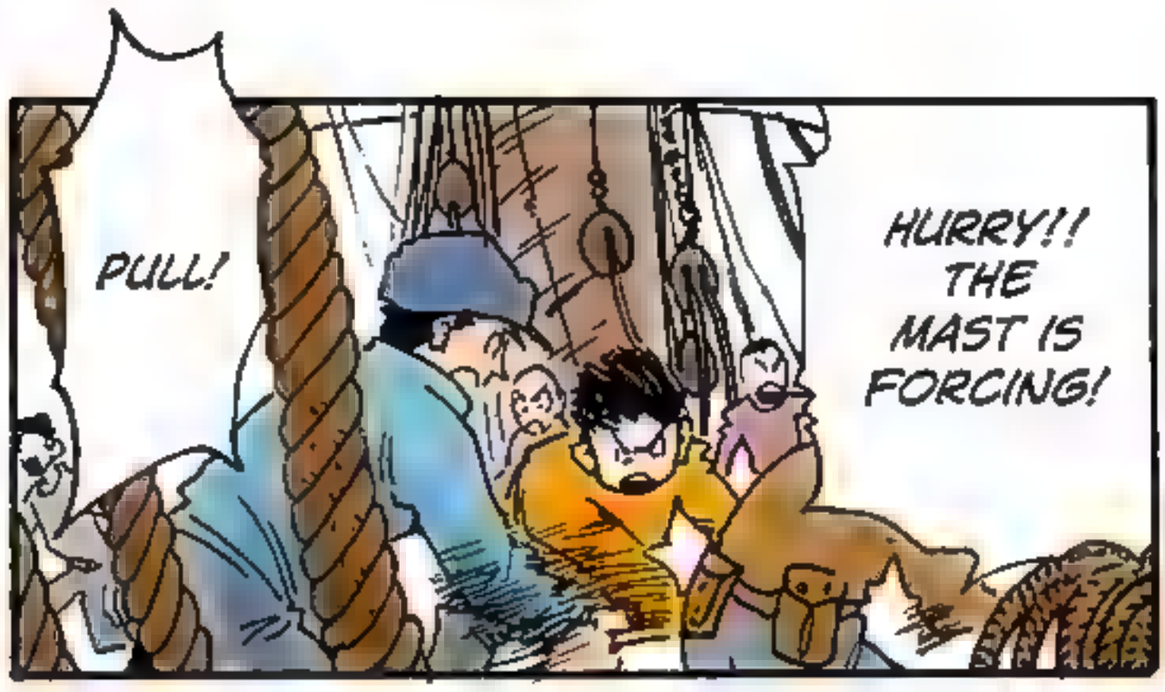
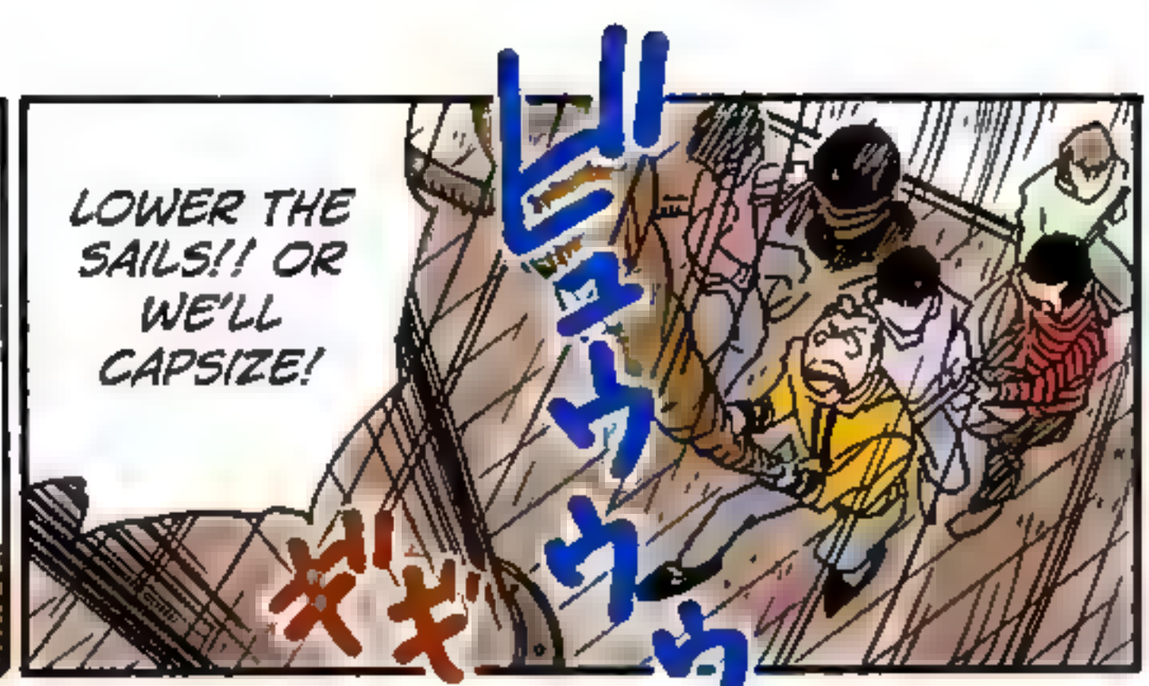

PULL!
HURRY!! THE MAST IS FORCING!


LOWER THE SAILS!! OR WE'LL CAPSIZE!
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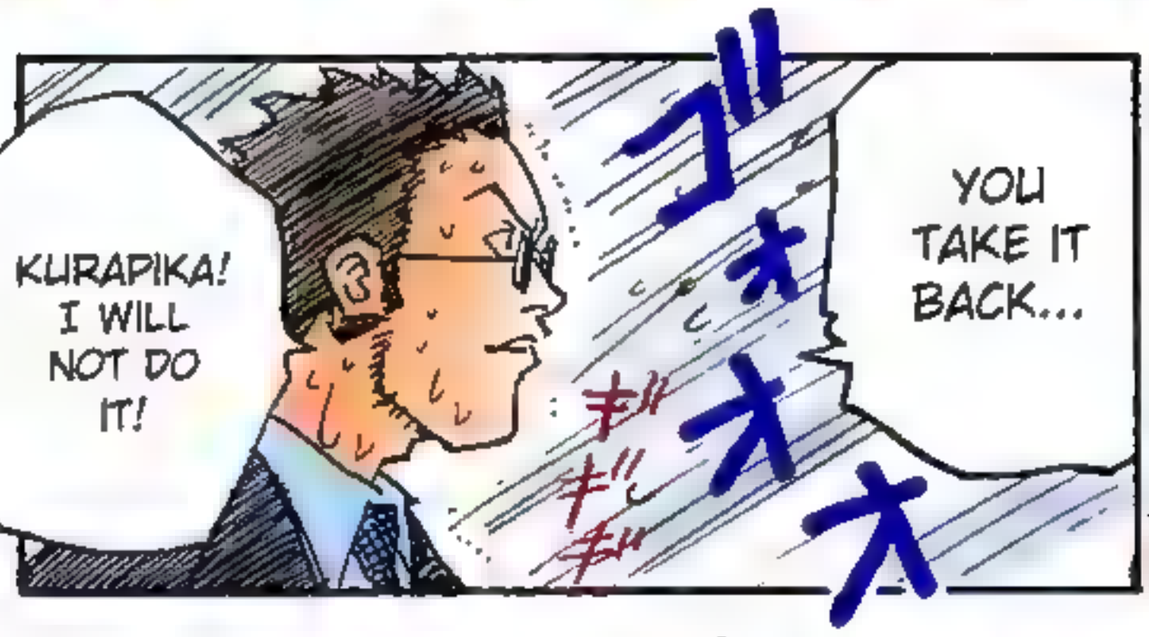
KURAPIKA! I WILL NOT DO IT!
YOU TAKE IT BACK...
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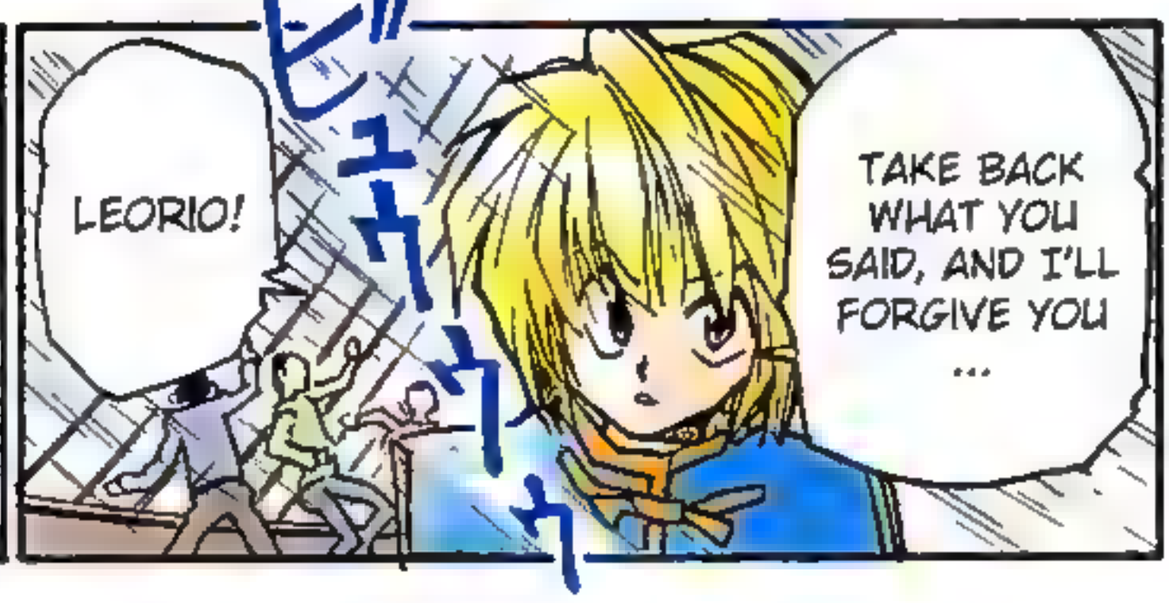
LEORIO!
TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID, AND I'LL FORGIVE YOU ...
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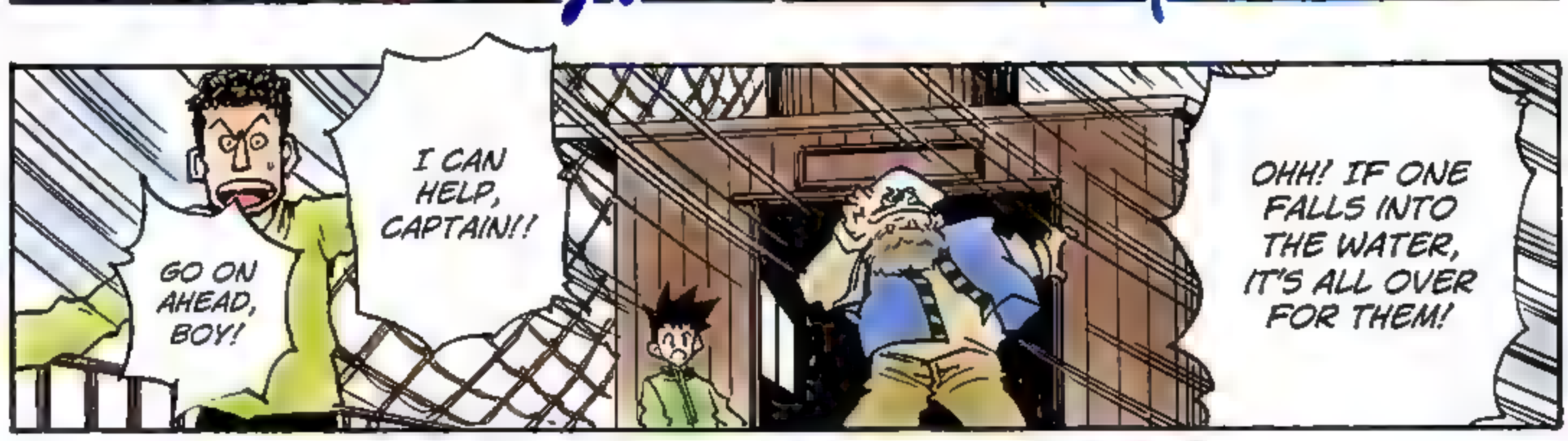
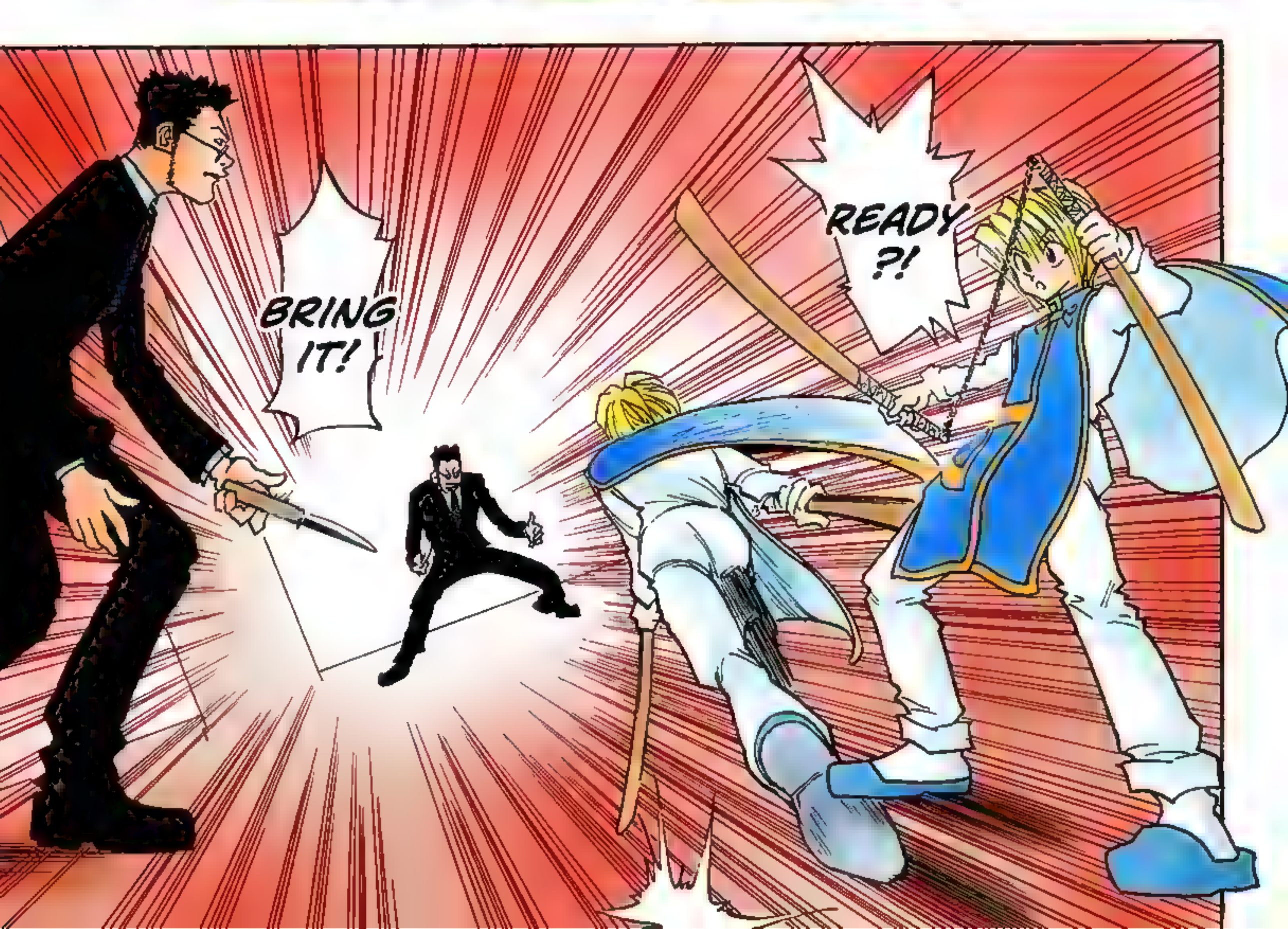

GO ON AHEAD, BOY!
I CAN HELP, CAPTAIN!!
OHH! IF ONE FALLS INTO THE WATER, IT'S ALL OVER FOR THEM!


BRING IT!
READY ?!

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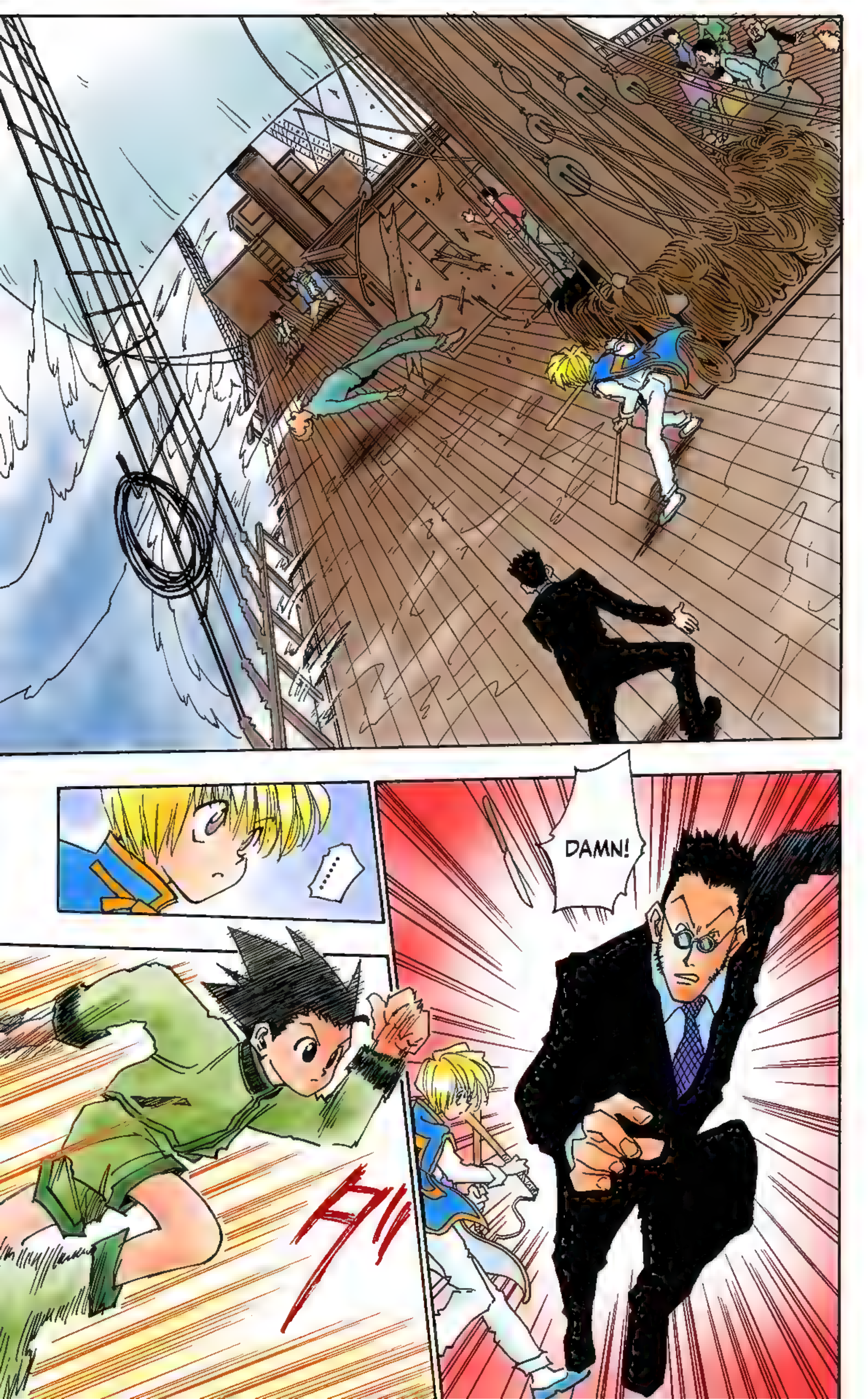
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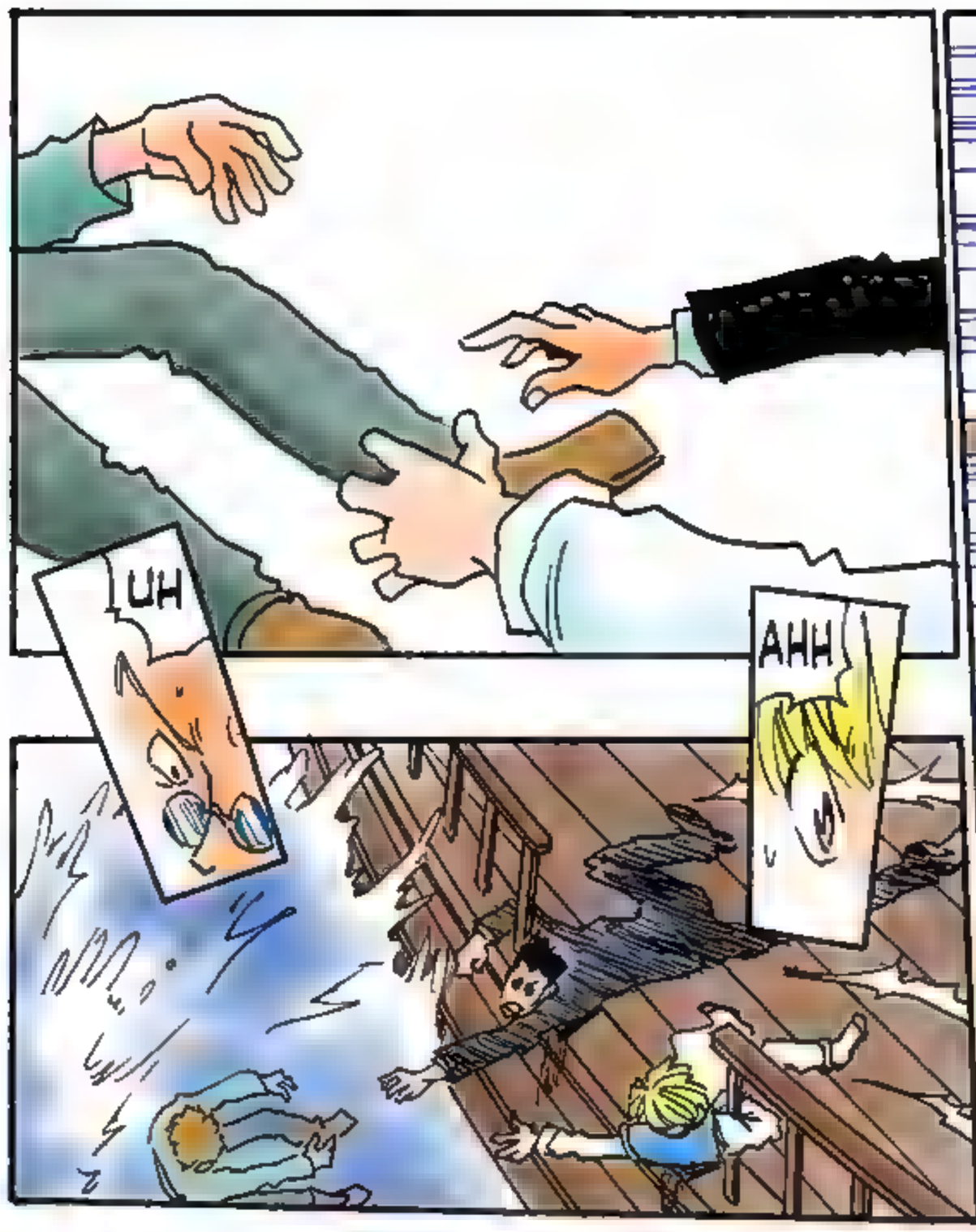
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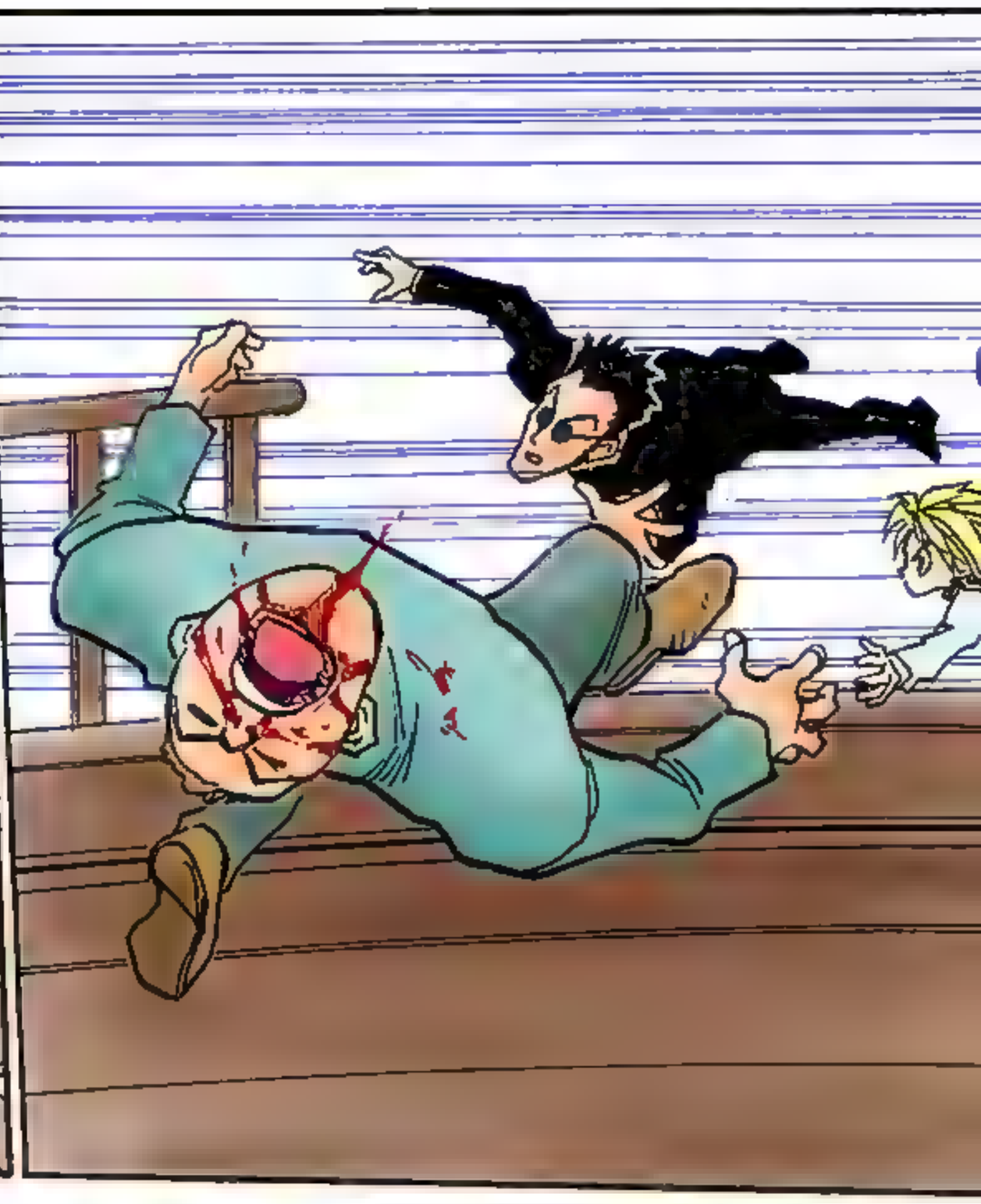

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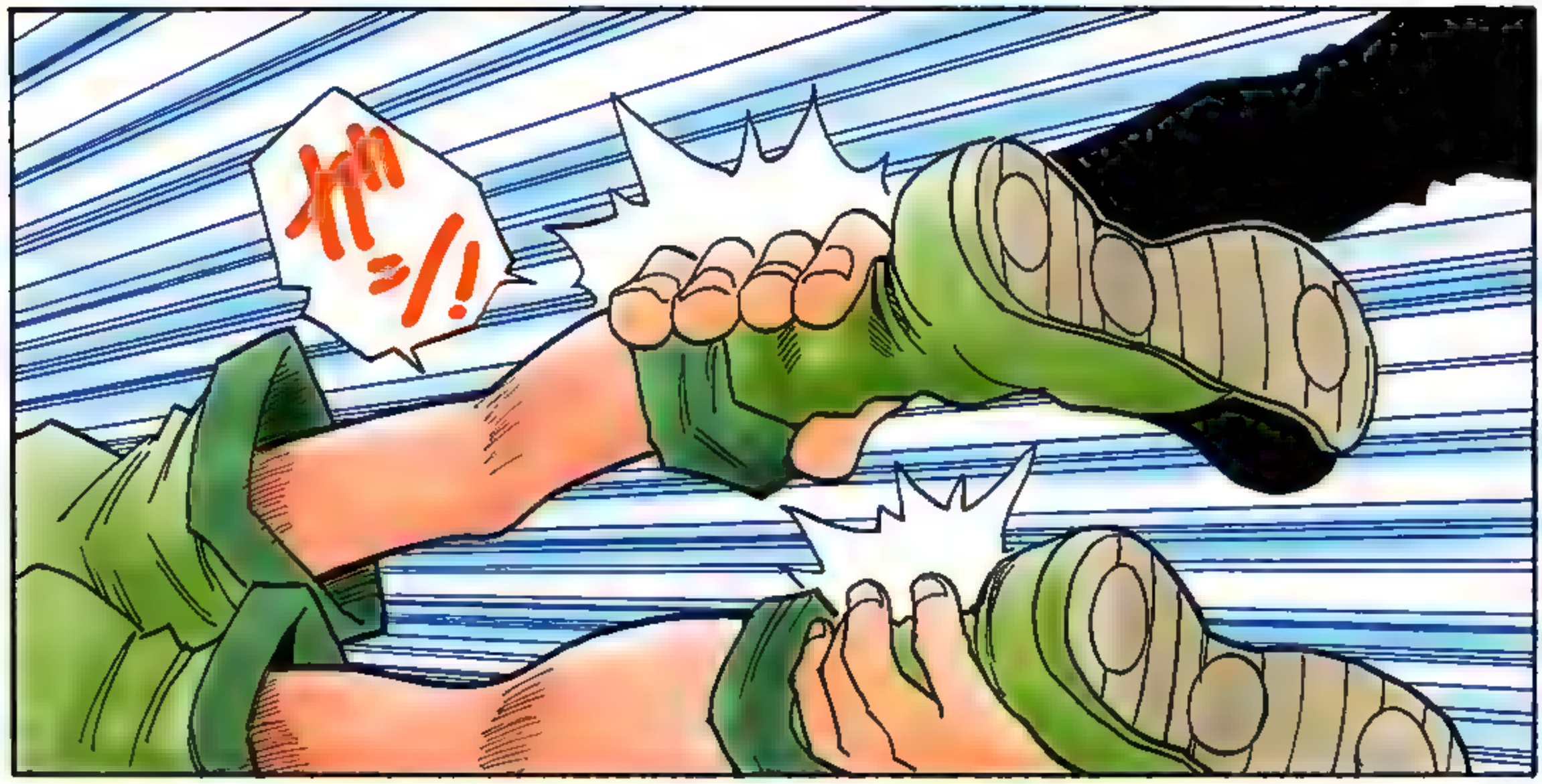
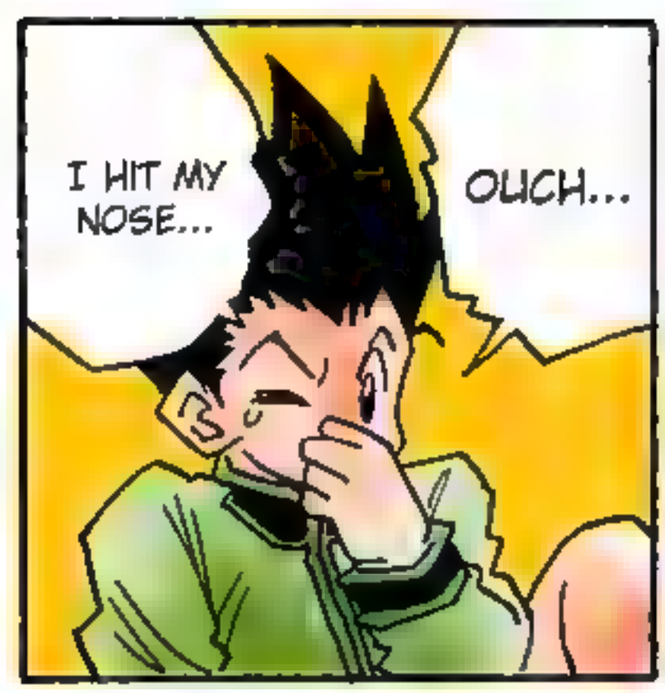
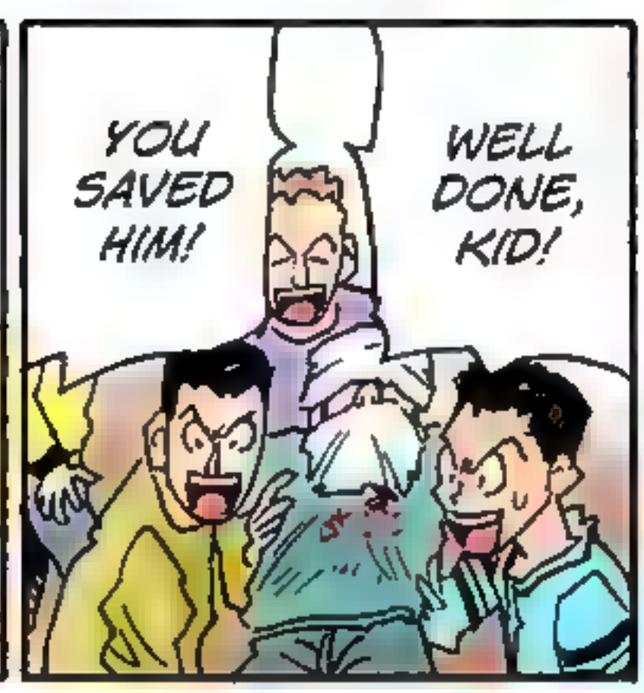
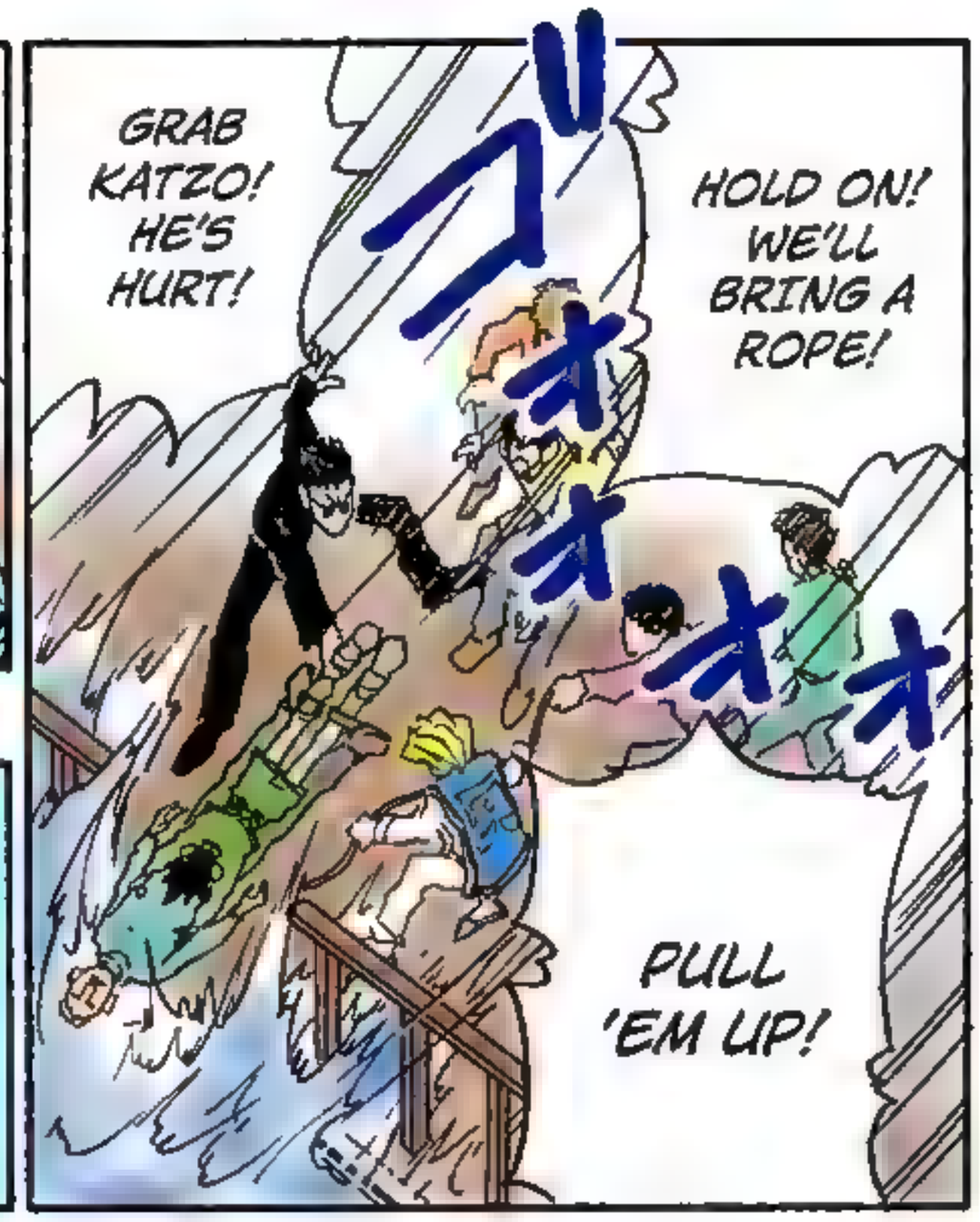
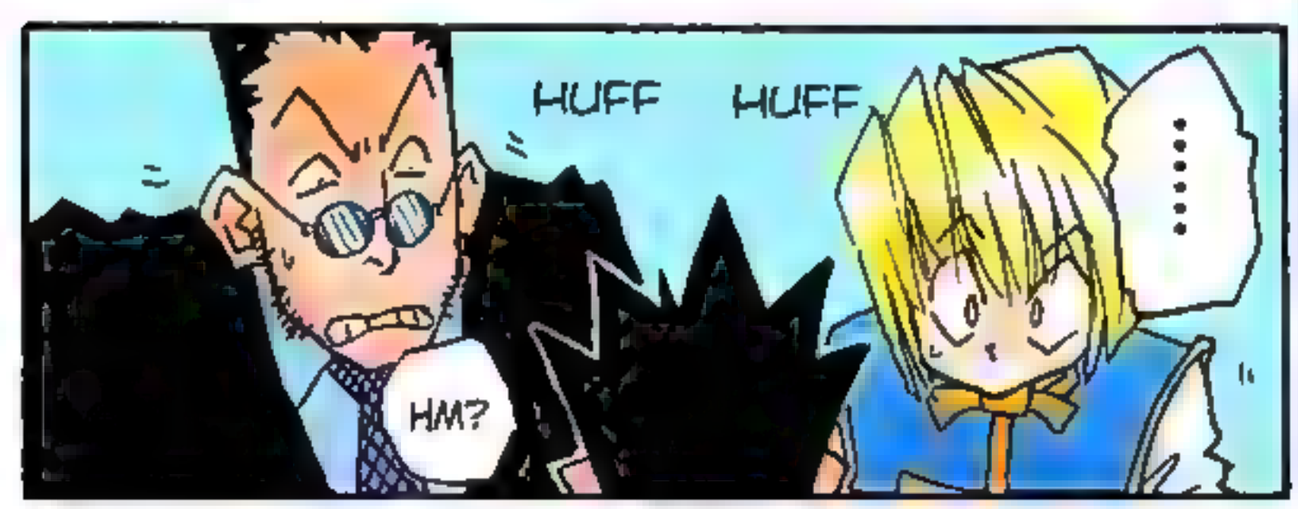






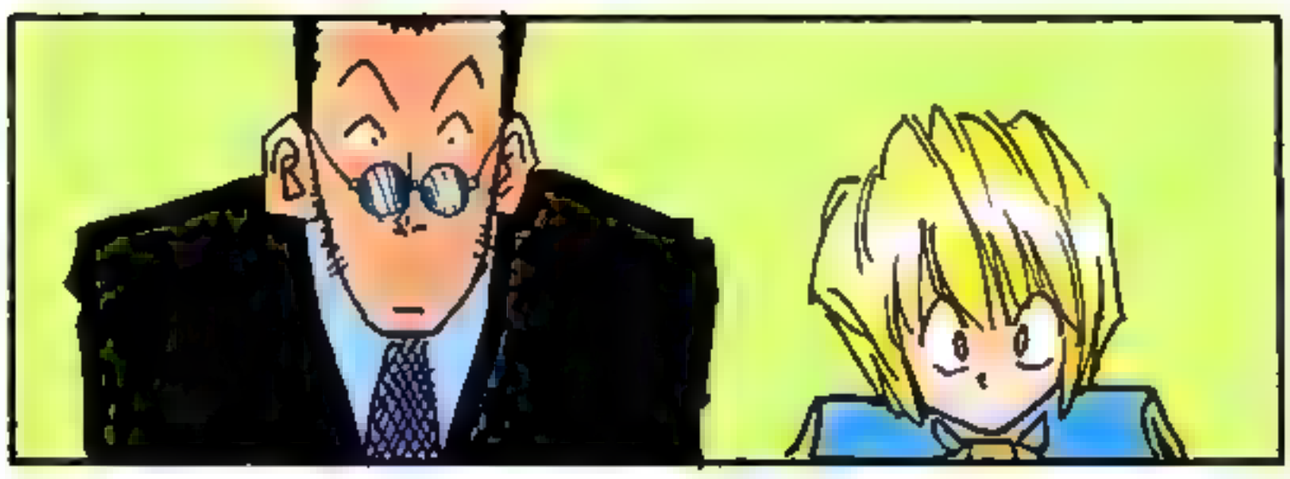




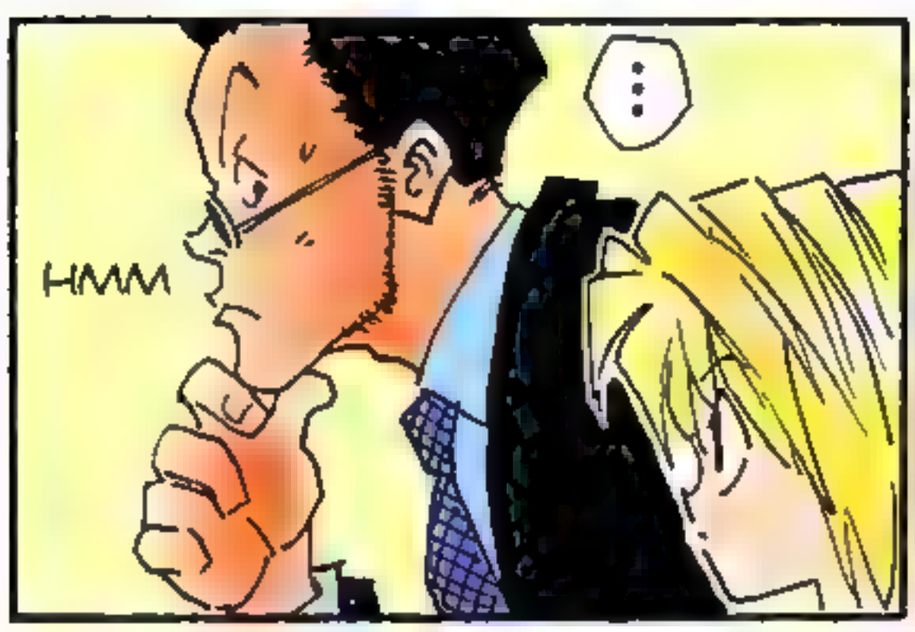
DAMN! IF WE DIDN'T HOLD YOUR LEGS YOU WOULD BE SLEEPING WITH THE FISHES RIGHT NOW!!

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?! EVEN A MERMAID WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME TO SURVIVE THAT SWIRL! YOU WOULD HAVE SINKED IN A FRACTION OF A SECOND!!

BUT YOU GUYS WERE FIGHTING JUST NOW...



...YOU GUYS CATCHED ME ON TIME.
BUT...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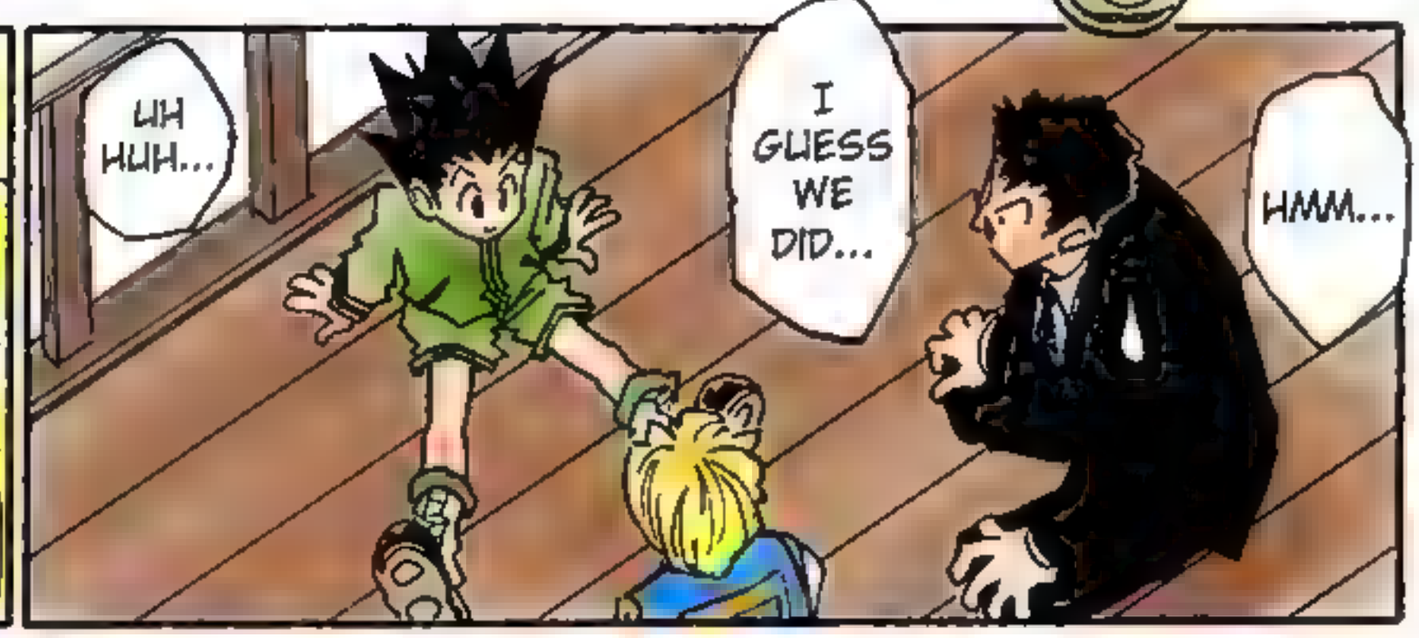
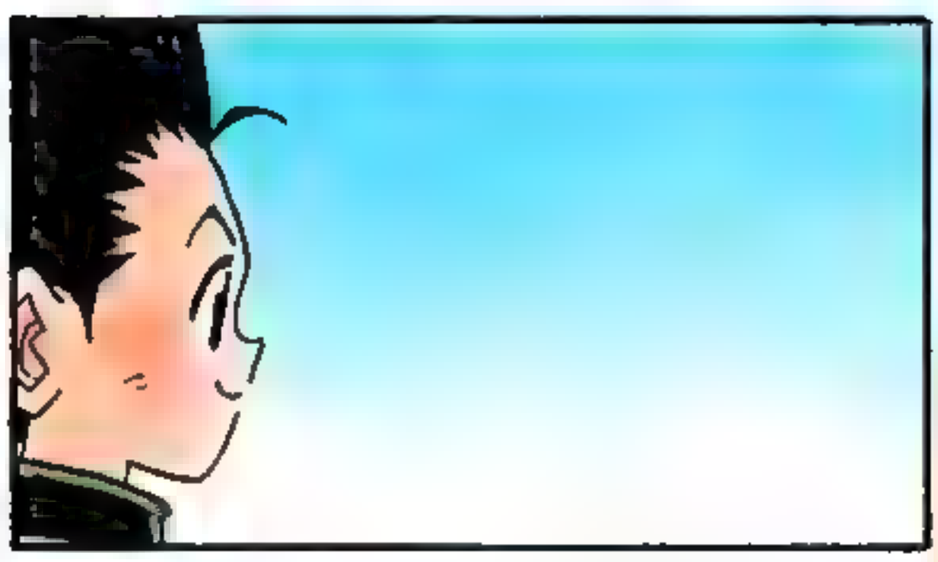

UH HUH...
I GUESS WE DID...
HMM...



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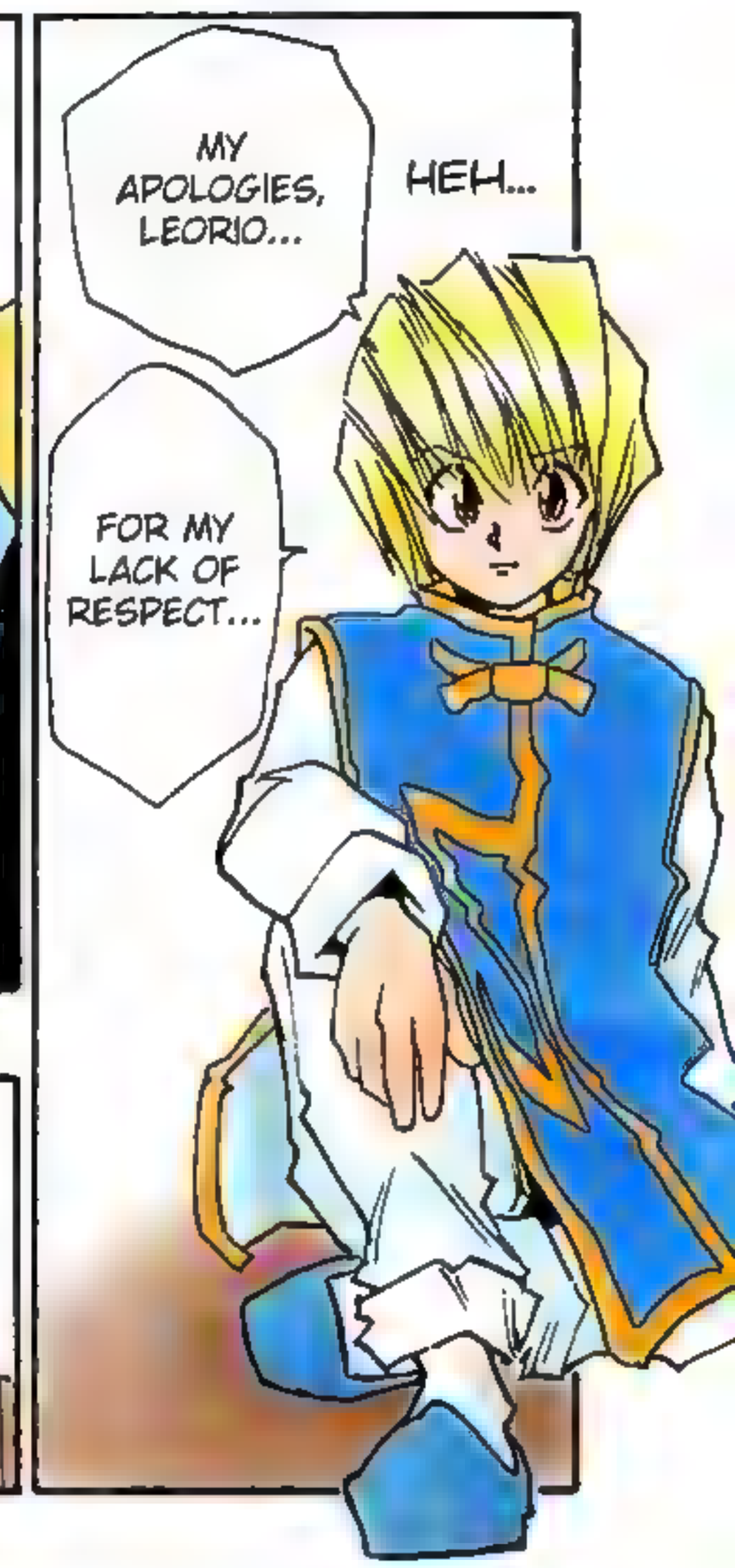
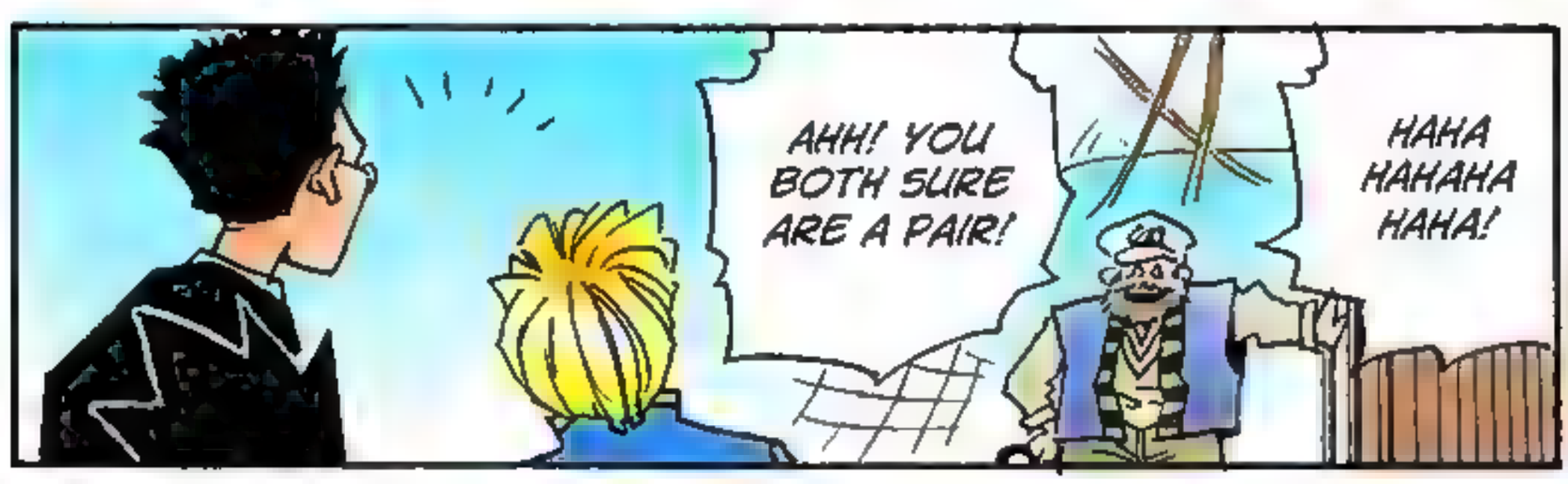
IT WAS JUST A MISTAKE.
AH, FORGET IT.
SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID ABOUT YOUR CLAN.


MY APOLOGIES, LEORIO...
HEH...
FOR MY LACK OF RESPECT...


AHH! YOU BOTH SURE ARE A PAIR!
HAHA HAHAHA HAHA!

AND SINCE I'M IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD NOW, I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE ALL 3 OF YOU TO THE CLOSEST PORT TO THE EXAM SITE!!

ARROGANT AND SELFISH, BUT STILL, I LIKE YOU!!

YAY!!

KURAPIKA

No.003 ◆ THE ULTIMATE CHOICE
HUNTER EXAM-INFORMATION
THIS NOTICE IS SENT TO ALL CANDIDATES AND IT CONTAINS THE DATE.
TIME, AND GENERAL LOCATION OF THE EXAM ROOM.
FOR NOW, THESE WILL BE ALL THE INDICATIONS.
IN THIS WAY WE CAN EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES MORE THOROUGHLY...
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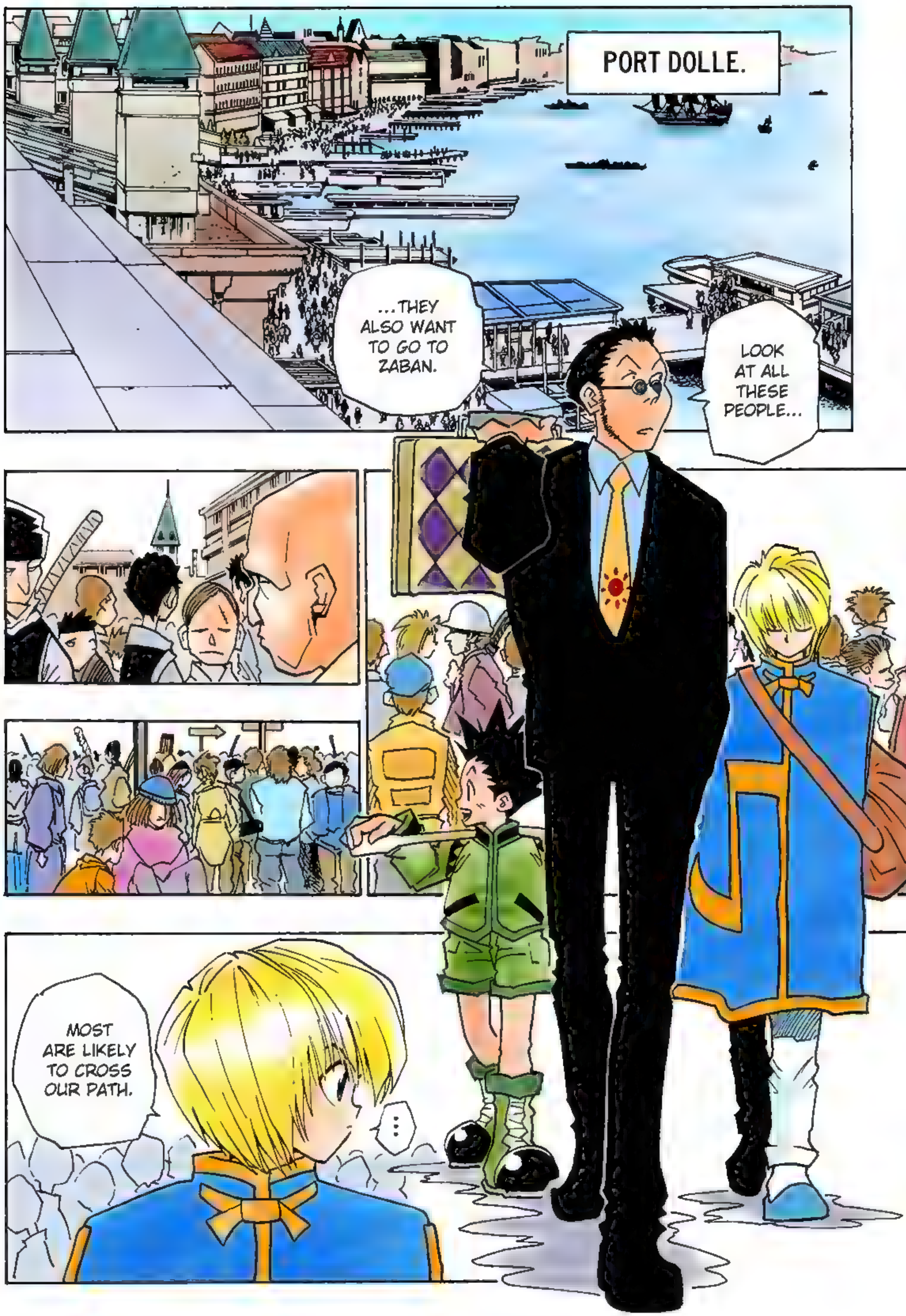
PORT DOLLE.
...THEY ALSO WANT TO GO TO ZABAN.
LOOK AT ALL THESE PEOPLE...
MOST ARE LIKELY TO CROSS OUR PATH.
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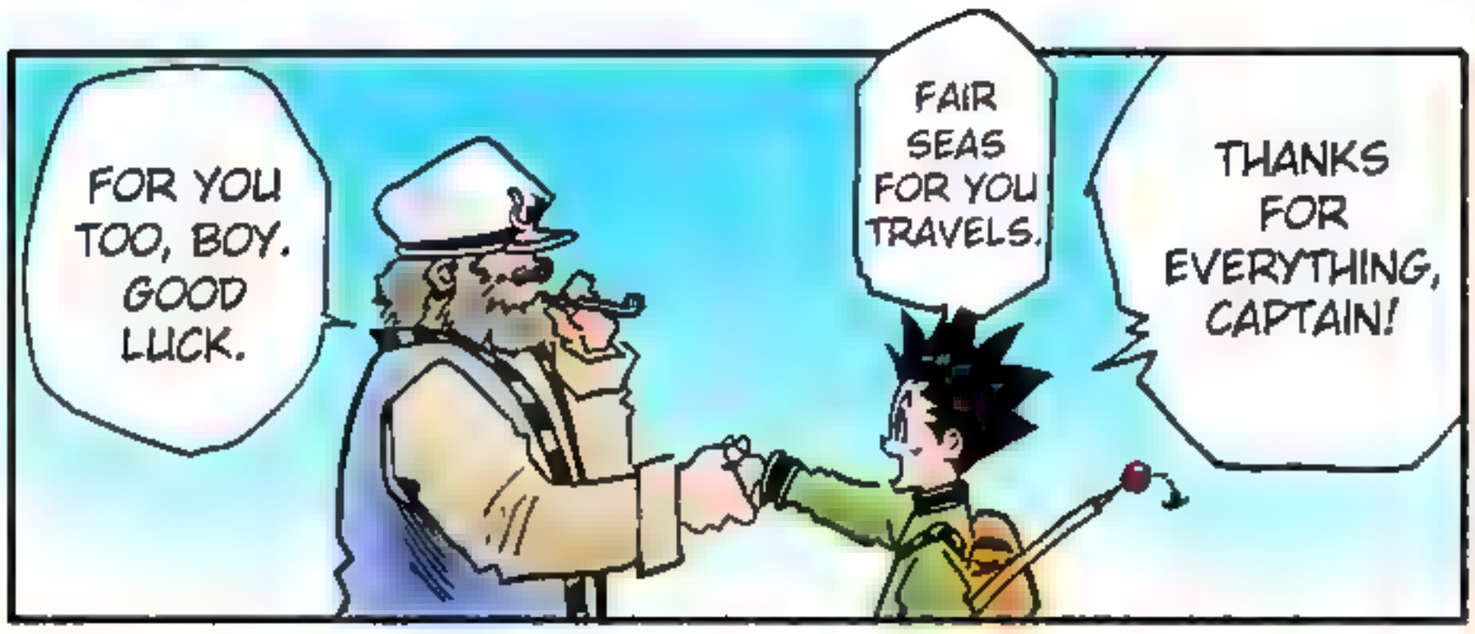
FOR YOU TOO, BOY. GOOD LUCK.
FAIR SEAS FOR YOU TRAVELS.
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, CAPTAIN!

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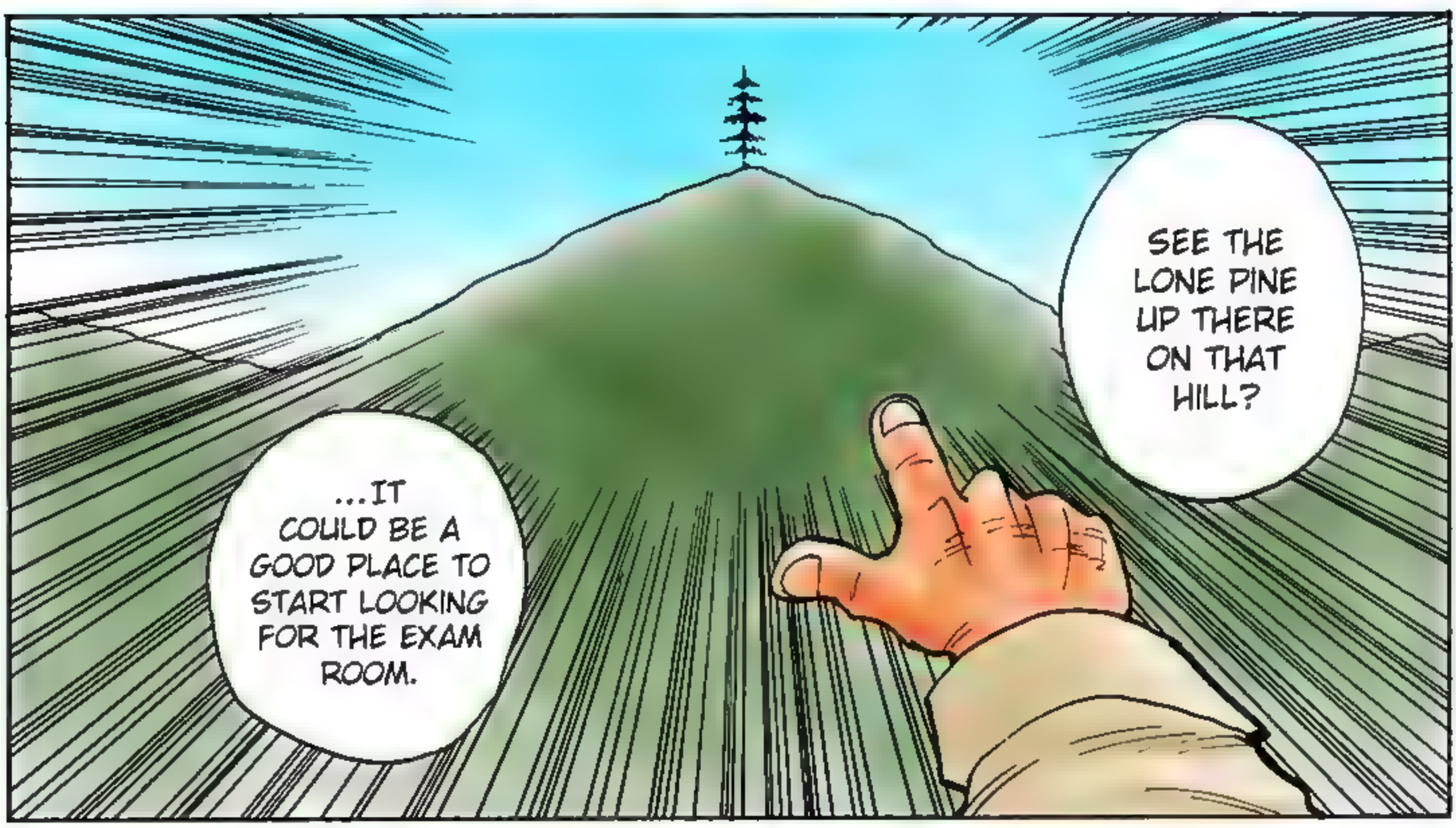
BEFORE YOU GO, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE.


SEE THE LONE PINE UP THERE ON THAT HILL?
...IT COULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO START LOOKING FOR THE EXAM ROOM.

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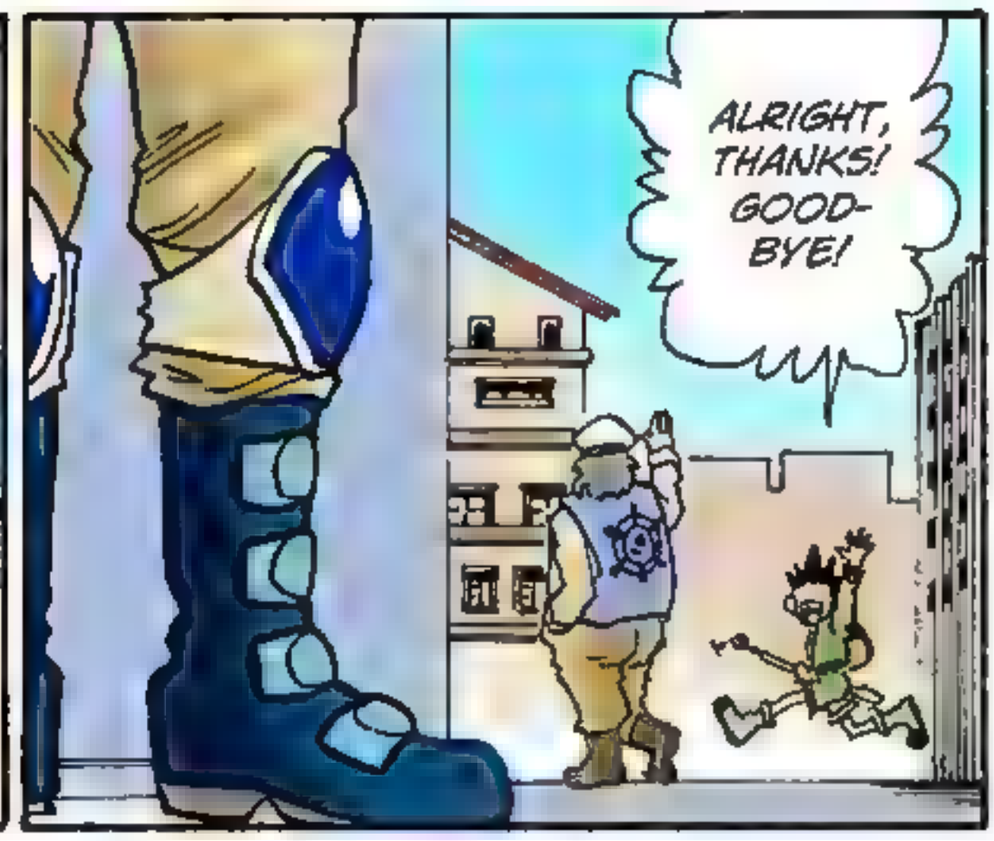
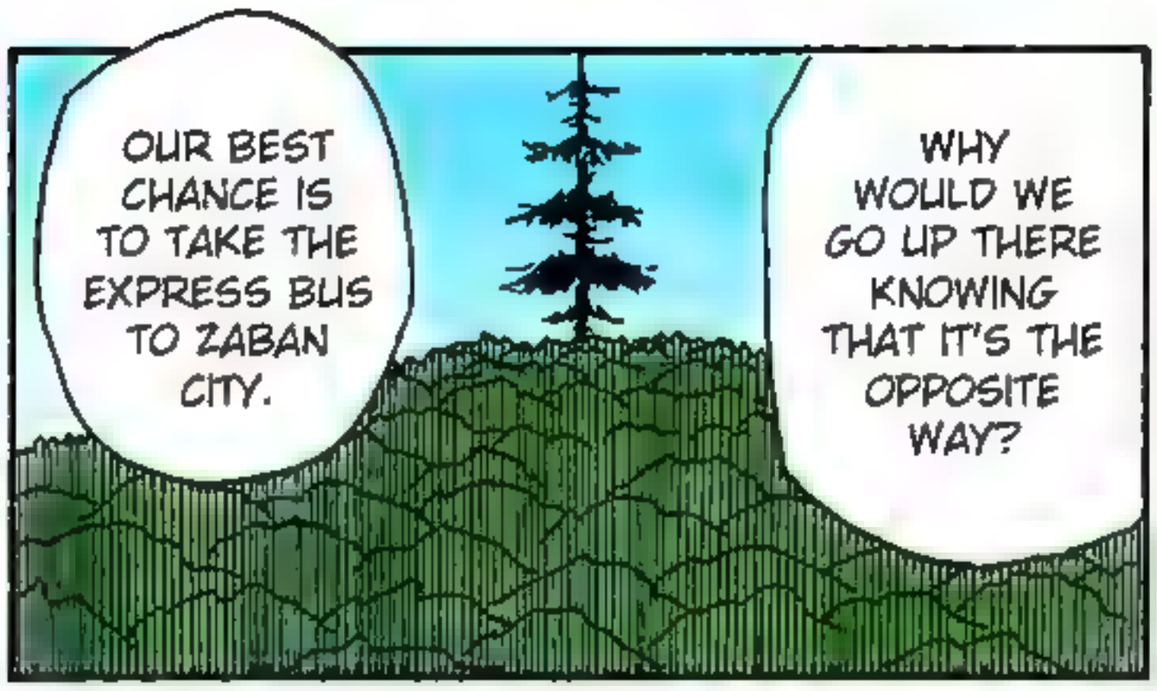
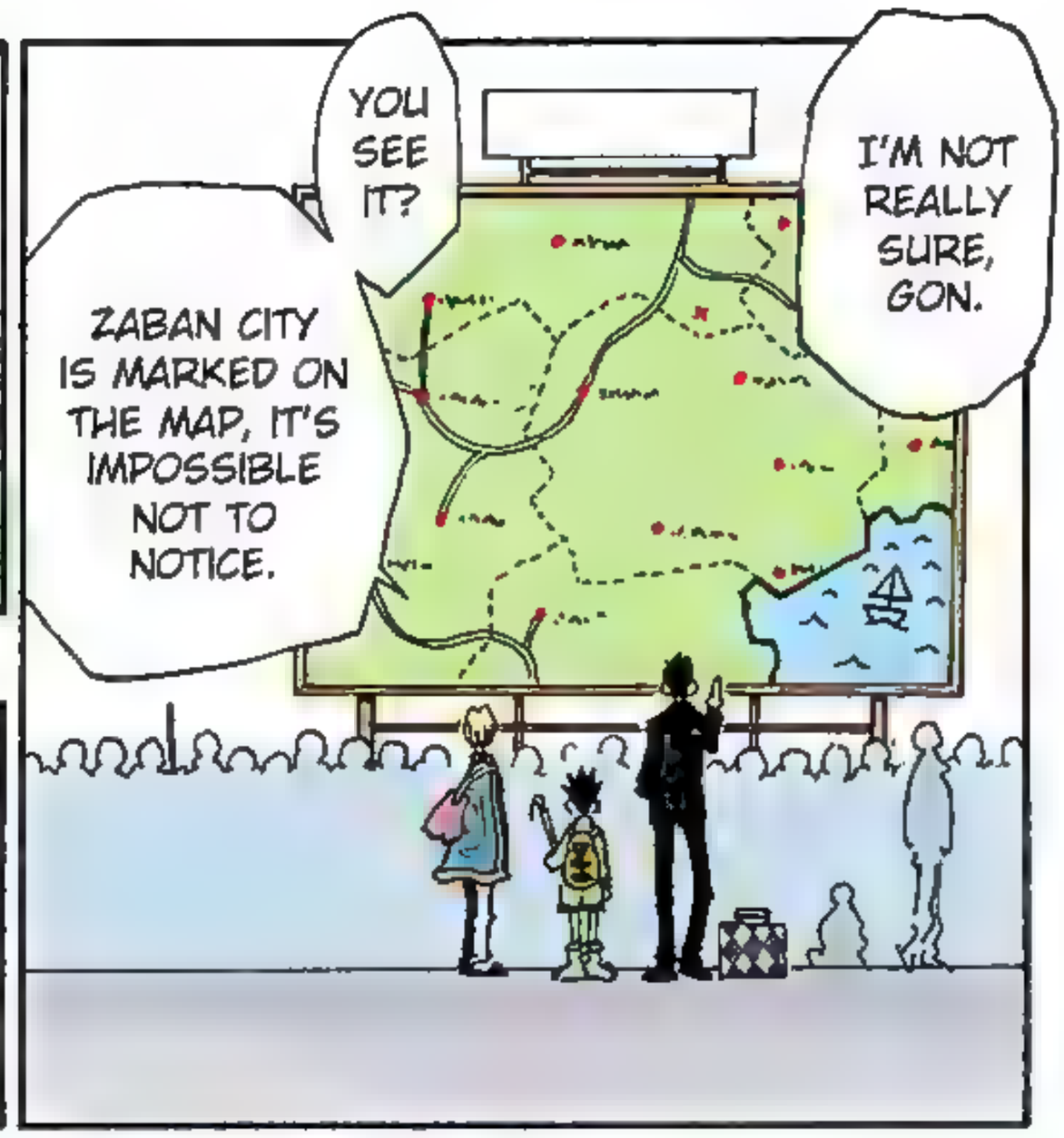
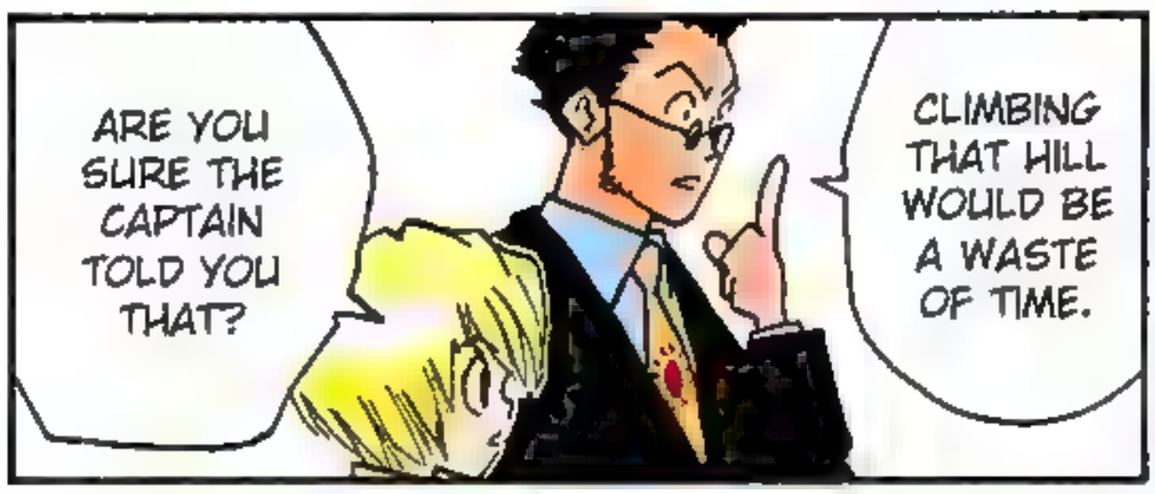
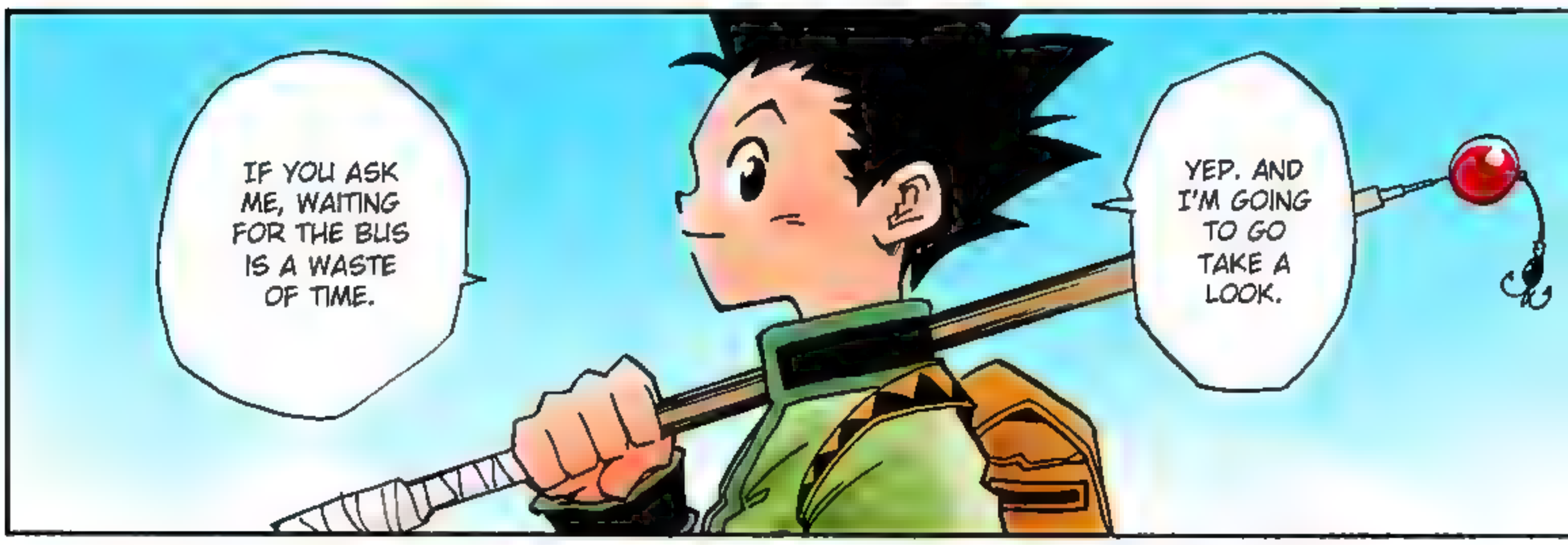
YOUR SON IS A GOOD BOY.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, GING.

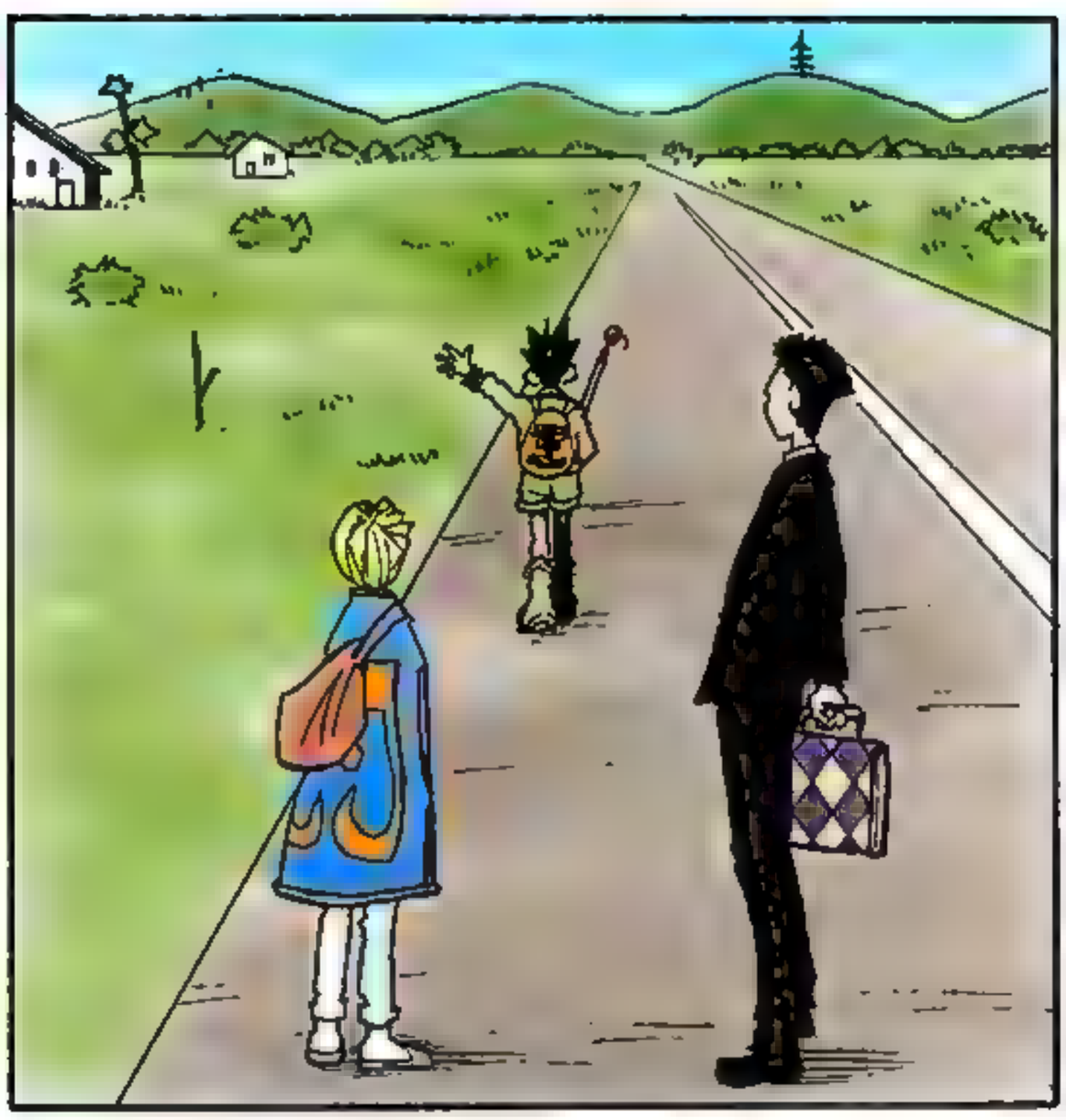

ALRIGHT, THANKS! GOOD-BYE!

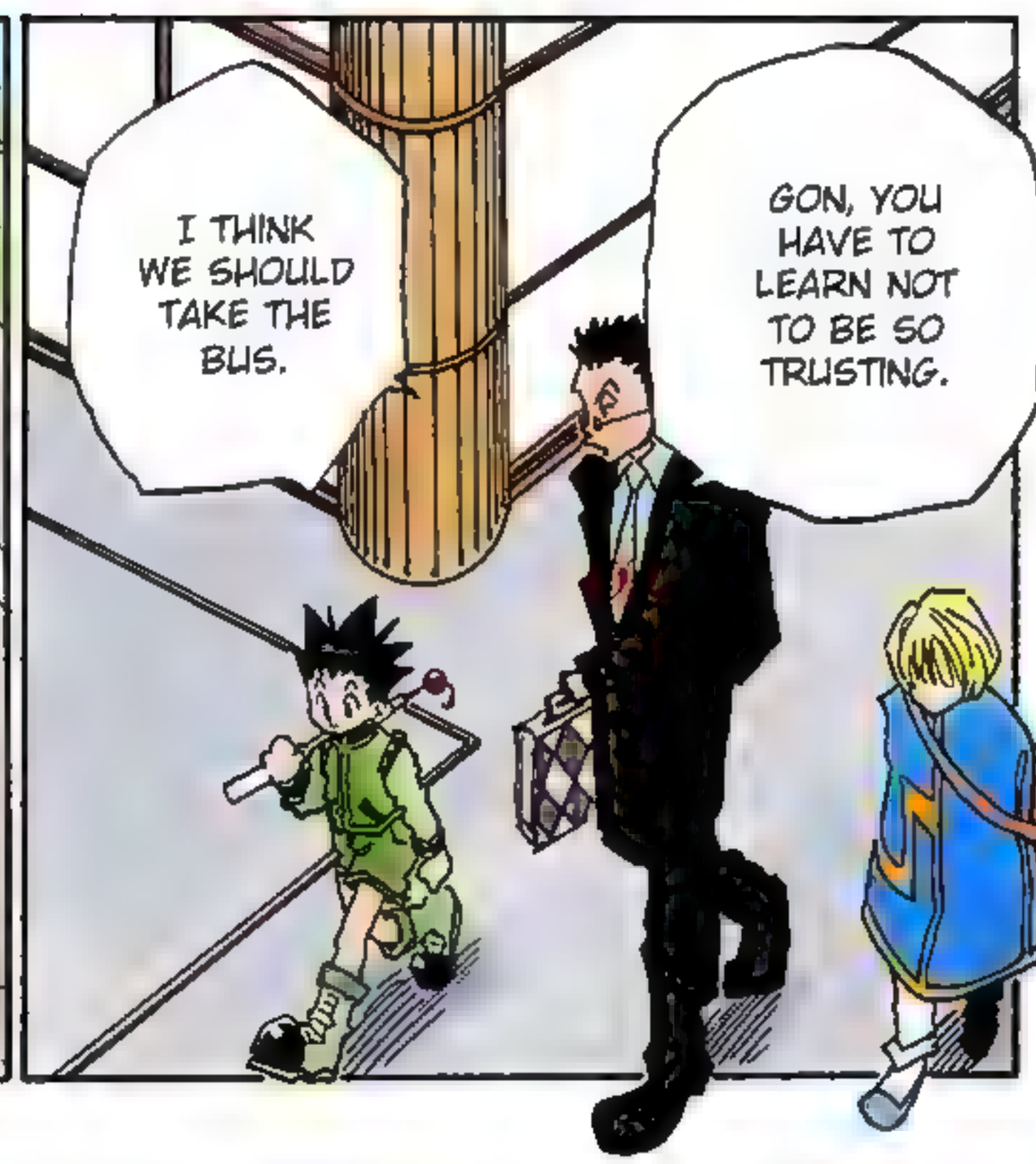

OUR BEST CHANCE IS TO TAKE THE EXPRESS BUS TO ZABAN CITY.
WHY WOULD WE GO UP THERE KNOWING THAT IT'S THE OPPOSITE WAY?


YOU SEE IT?
ZABAN CITY IS MARKED ON THE MAP, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO NOTICE.
I'M NOT REALLY SURE, GON.

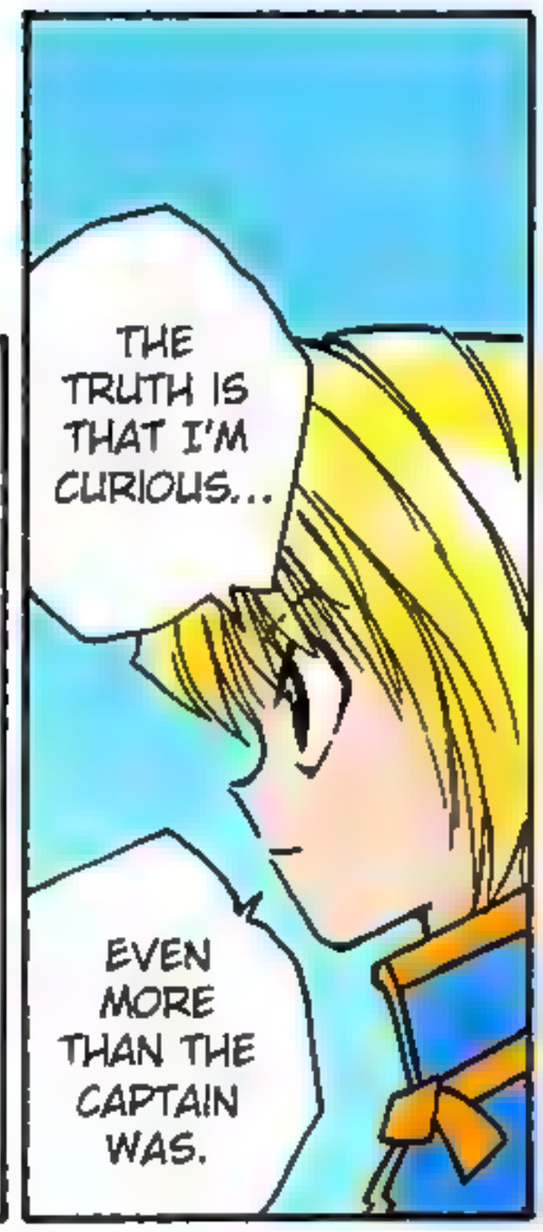

ARE YOU SURE THE CAPTAIN TOLD YOU THAT?
CLIMBING THAT HILL WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME.

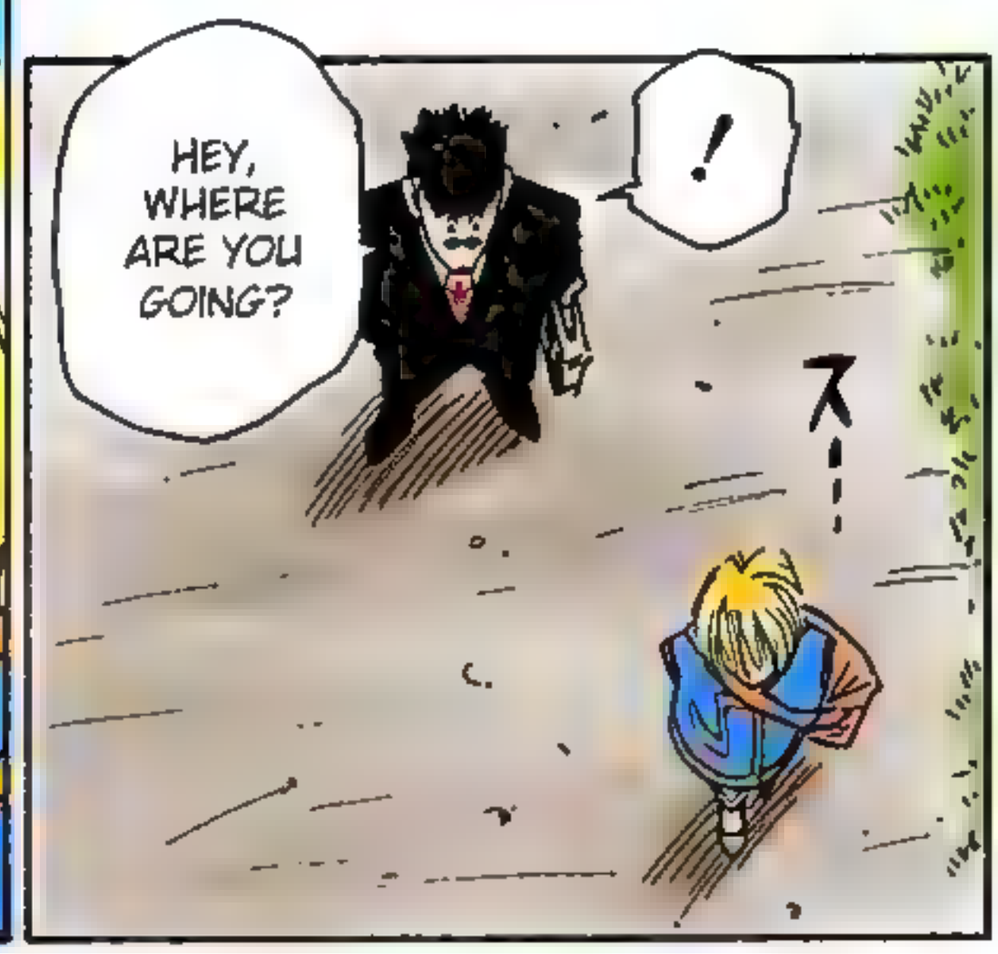

IF YOU ASK ME, WAITING FOR THE BUS IS A WASTE OF TIME.
YEP. AND I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A LOOK.




I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE THE BUS.
GON, YOU HAVE TO LEARN NOT TO BE SO TRUSTING.

...I WANT TO KNOW WHAT GON IS GOING TO DO.


THE TRUTH IS THAT I'M CURIOUS...
EVEN MORE THAN THE CAPTAIN WAS.


HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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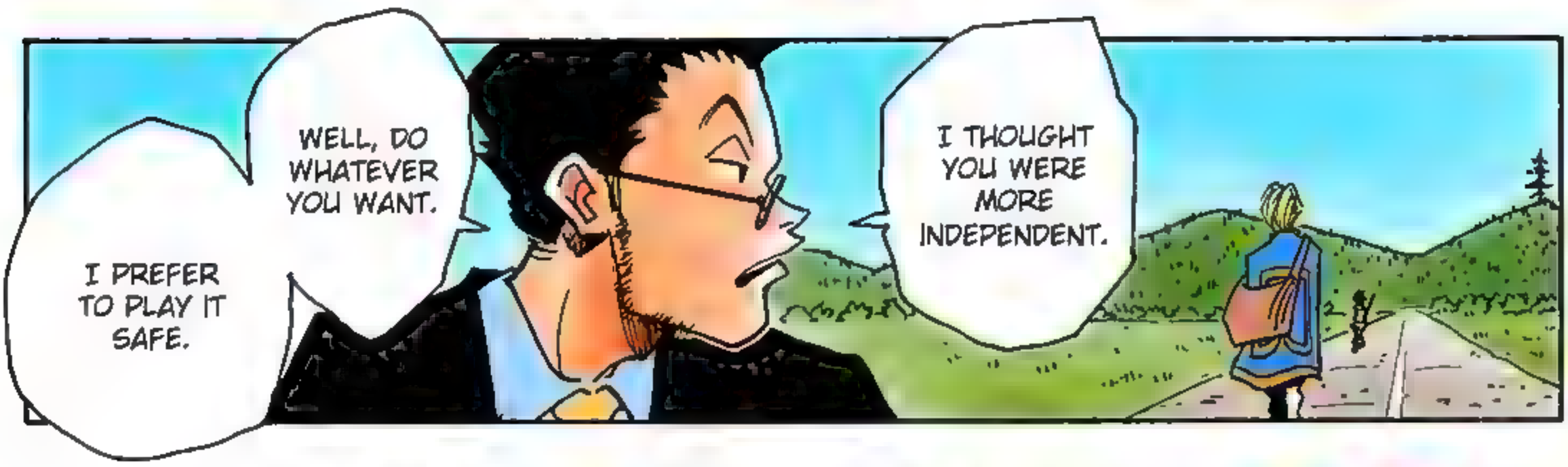
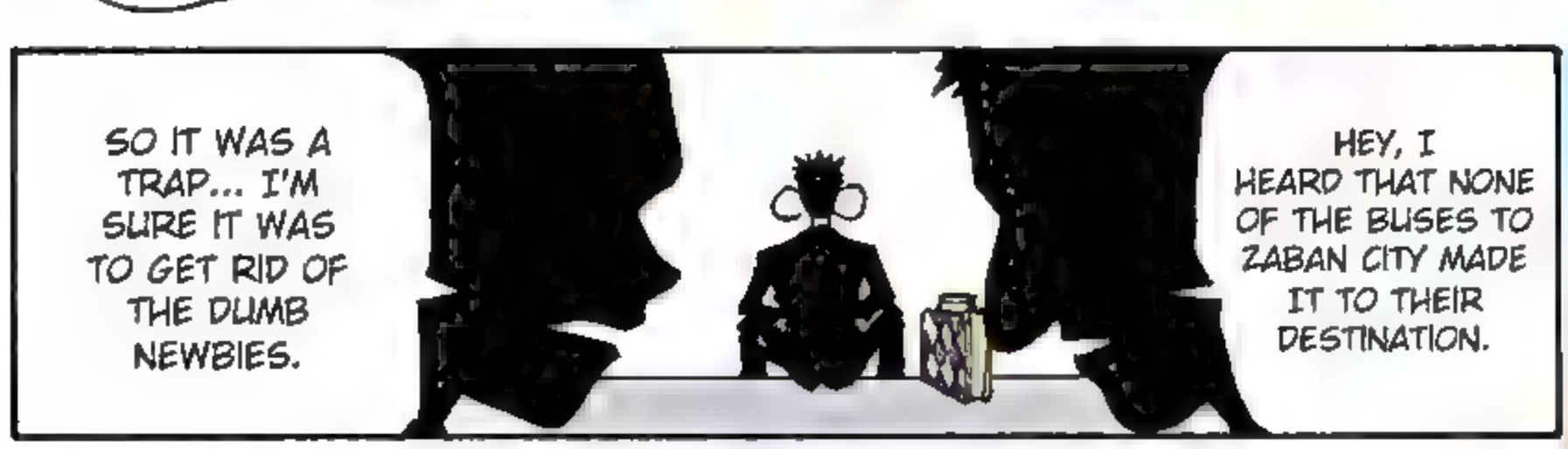
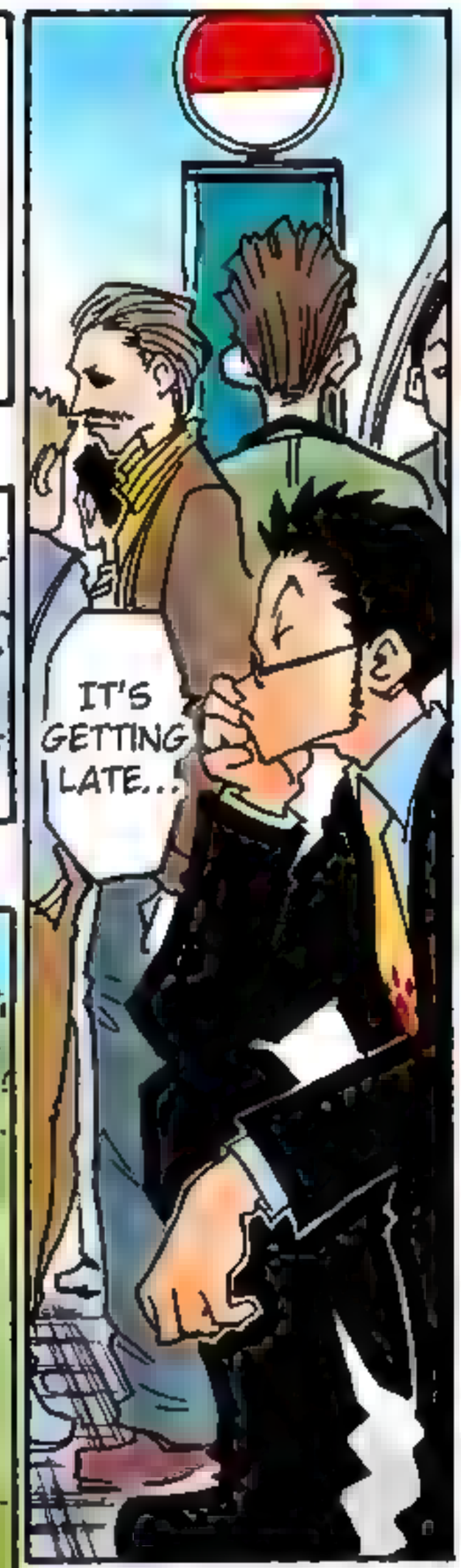
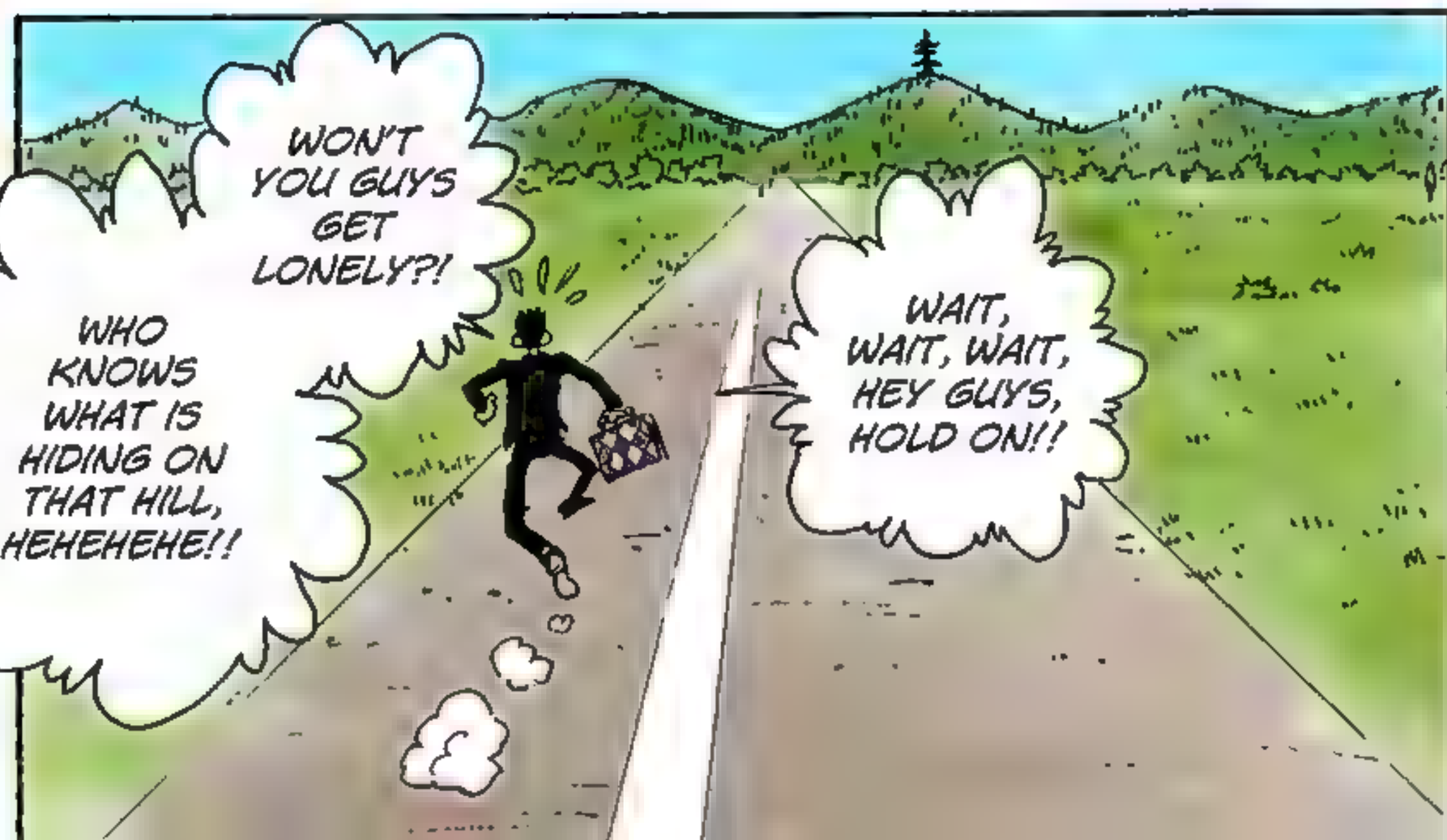
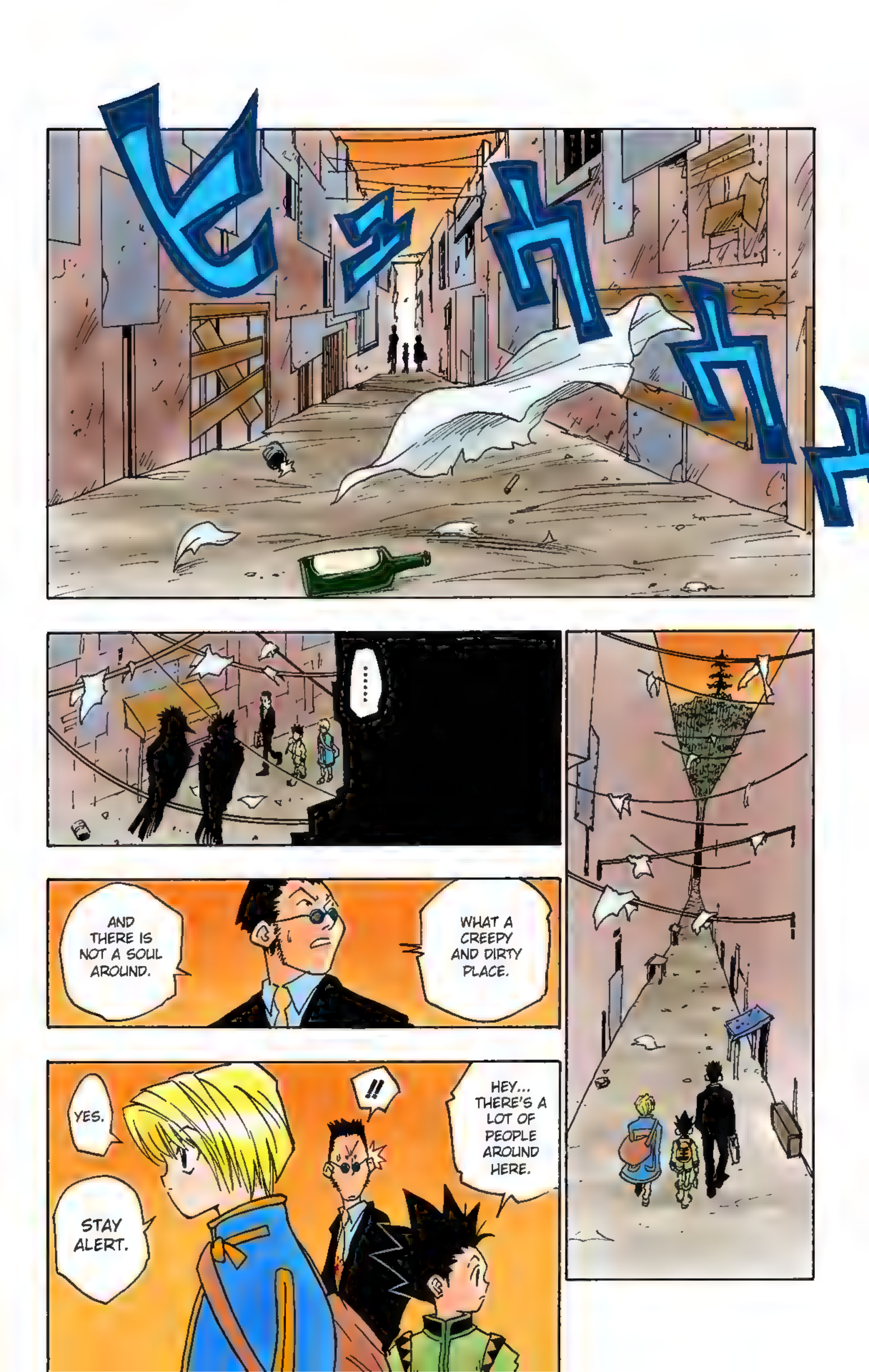

WELL, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
I PREFER TO PLAY IT SAFE.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE INDEPENDENT.


SO IT WAS A TRAP... I'M SURE IT WAS TO GET RID OF THE DUMB NEWBIES.
HEY, I HEARD THAT NONE OF THE BUSES TO ZABAN CITY MADE IT TO THEIR DESTINATION.


IT'S GETTING LATE...


WHO KNOWS WHAT IS HIDING ON THAT HILL, HEHEHEHE!!
WON'T YOU GUYS GET LONELY?!
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, HEY GUYS, HOLD ON!!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AND THERE IS NOT A SOUL AROUND.
WHAT A CREEPY AND DIRTY PLACE.
YES.
!!
HEY... THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND HERE.
STAY ALERT.

AND THEIR CLOTHES ARE RUSTLING... THEY MUS BE HIDING.

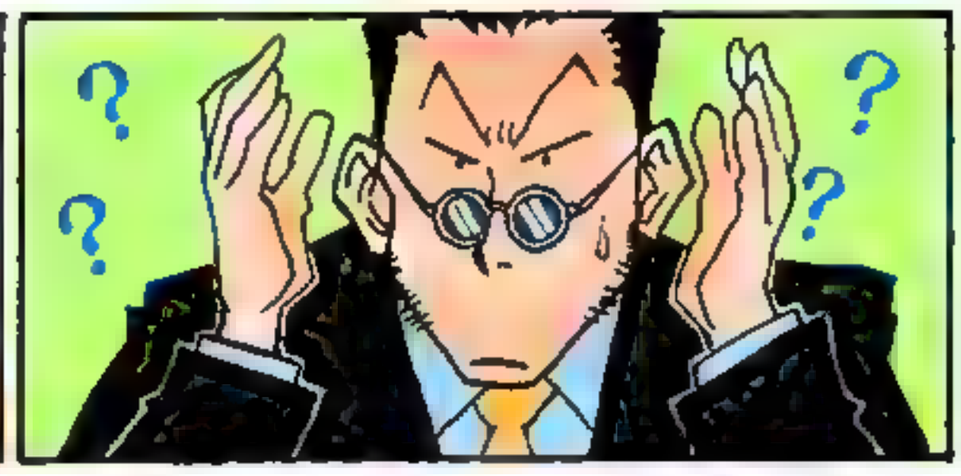
YEAH.

I CAN HEAR THEM BREATHE NEAR BY.

HEY? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

SHH.

HMPH, SURE. I'M JUST A NORMAL GUY SO I HAVE NO CLUE.



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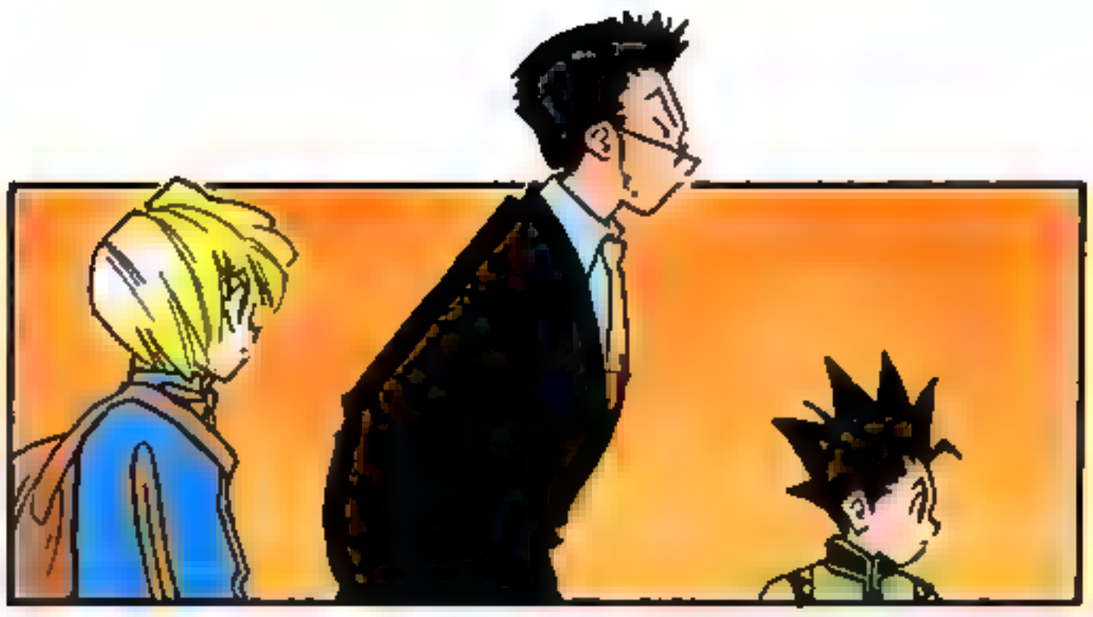
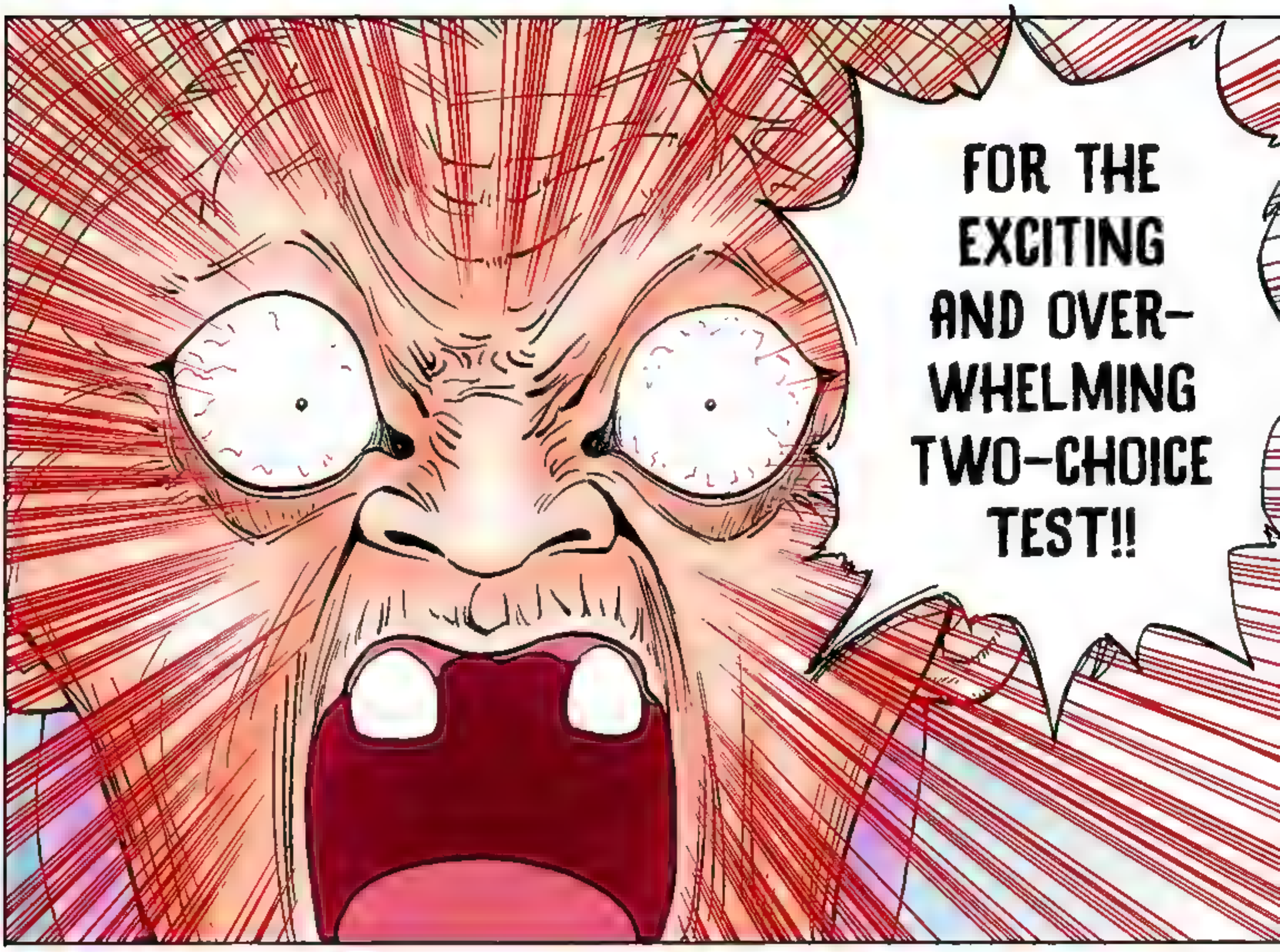
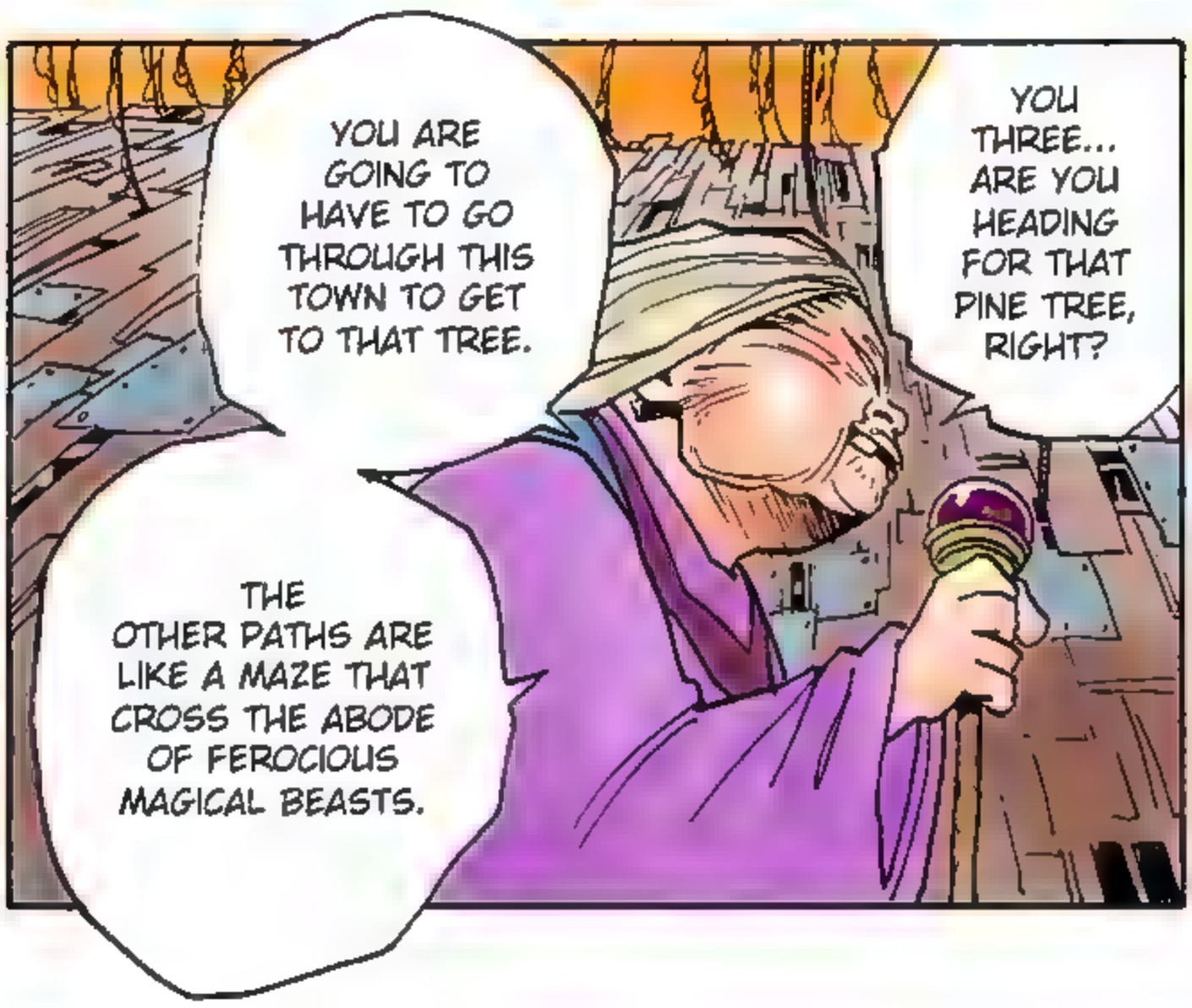
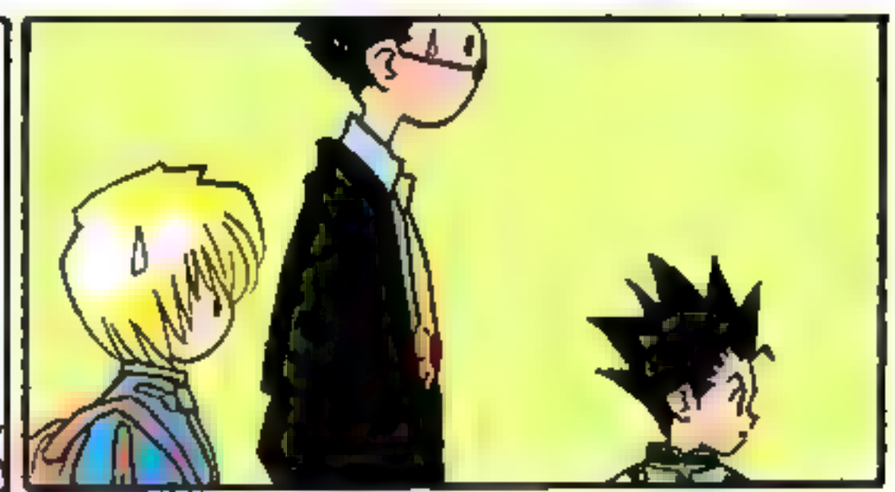
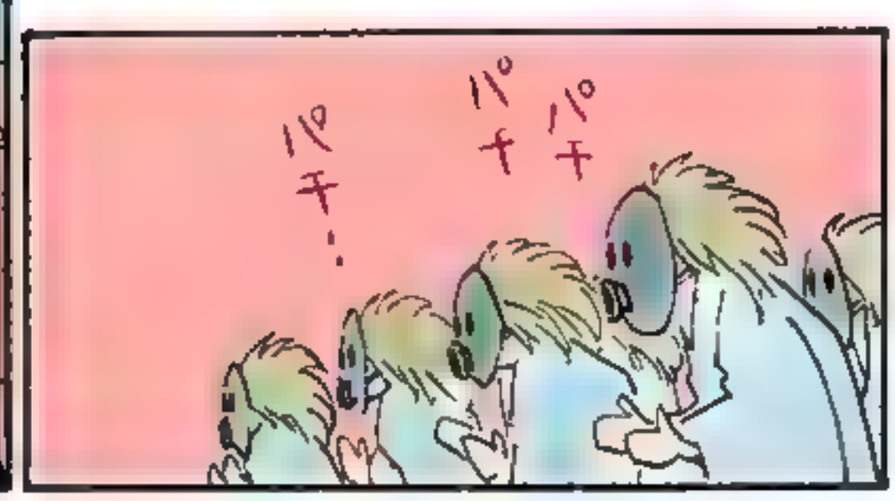


IT IS TIME...


FOR THE EXCITING AND OVER-WHELMING TWO-CHOICE TEST!!


YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS TOWN TO GET TO THAT TREE.
YOU THREE... ARE YOU HEADING FOR THAT PINE TREE, RIGHT?
THE OTHER PATHS ARE LIKE A MAZE THAT CROSS THE ABODE OF FEROCIOUS MAGICAL BEASTS.

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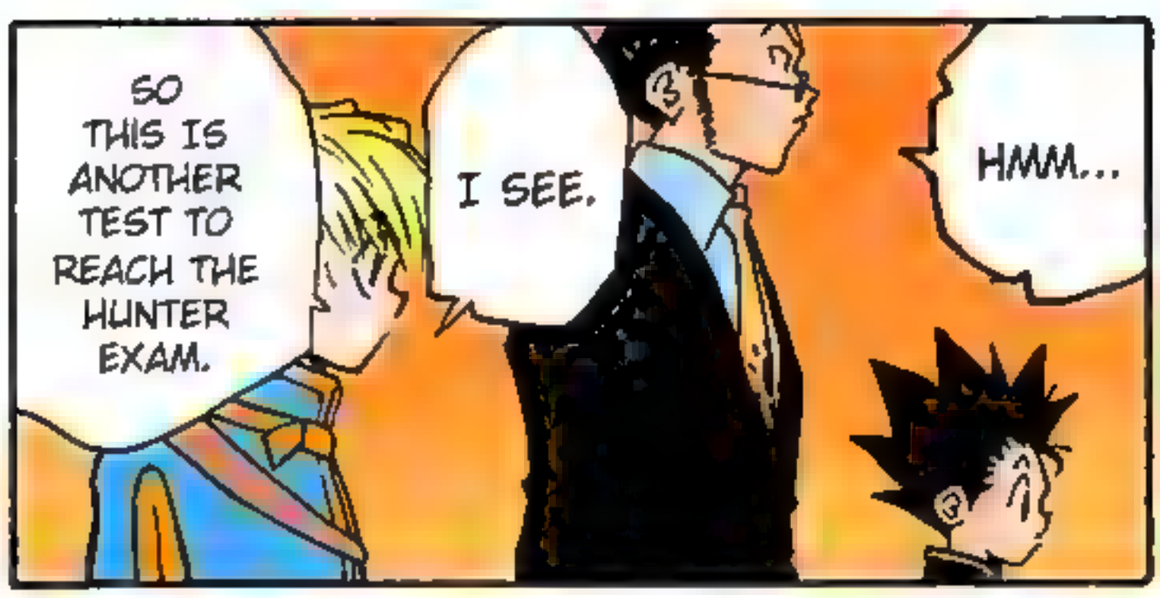
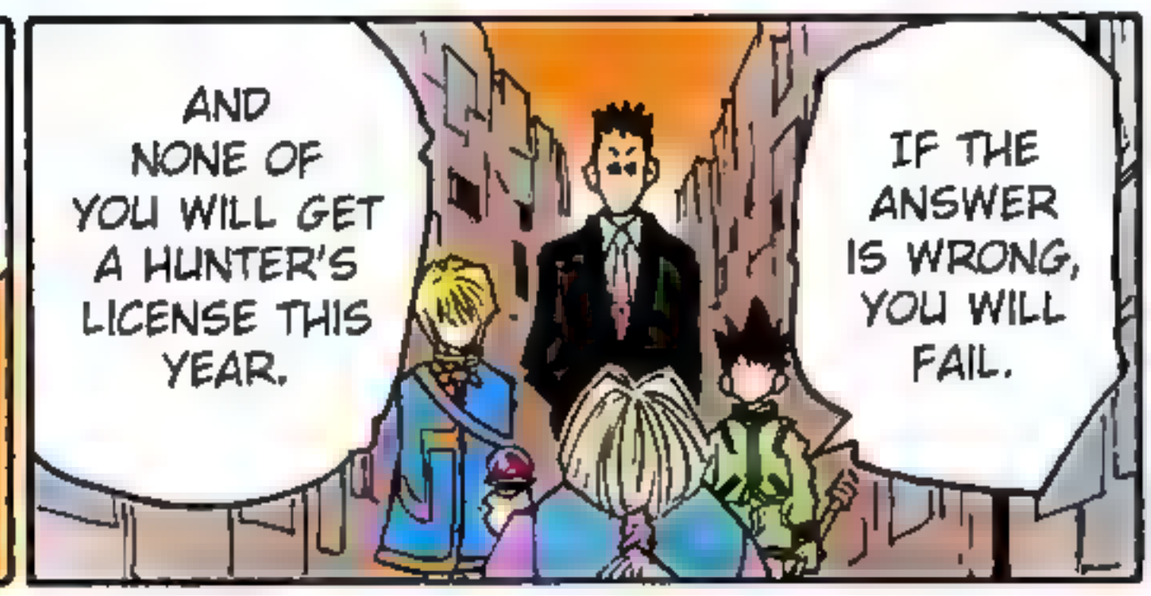
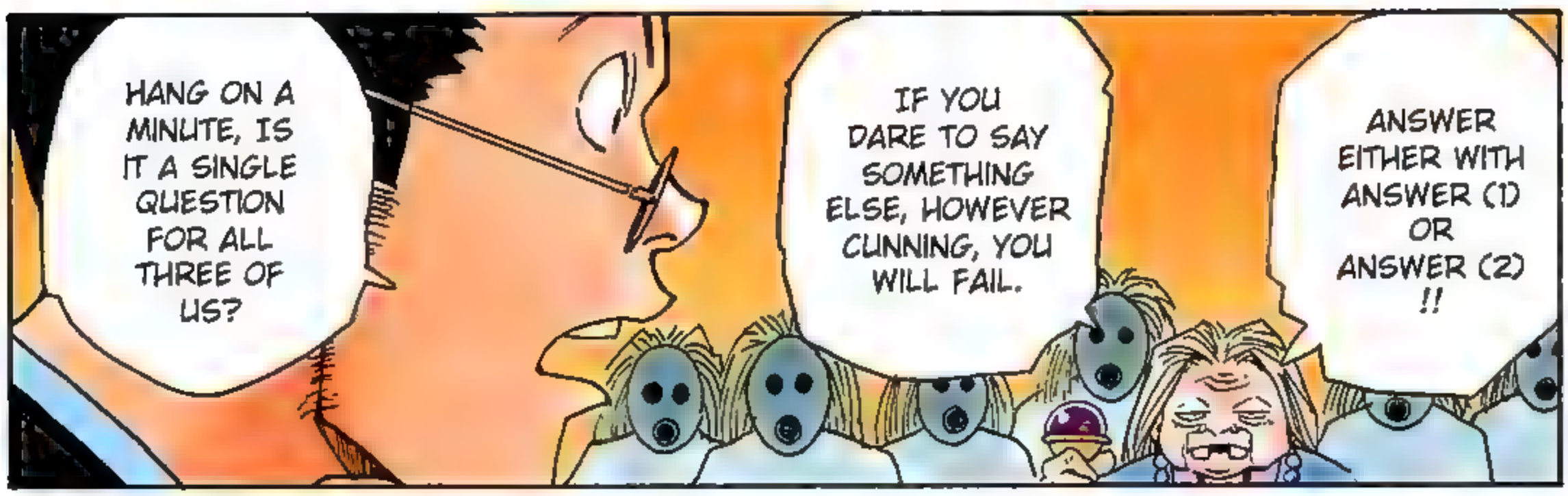
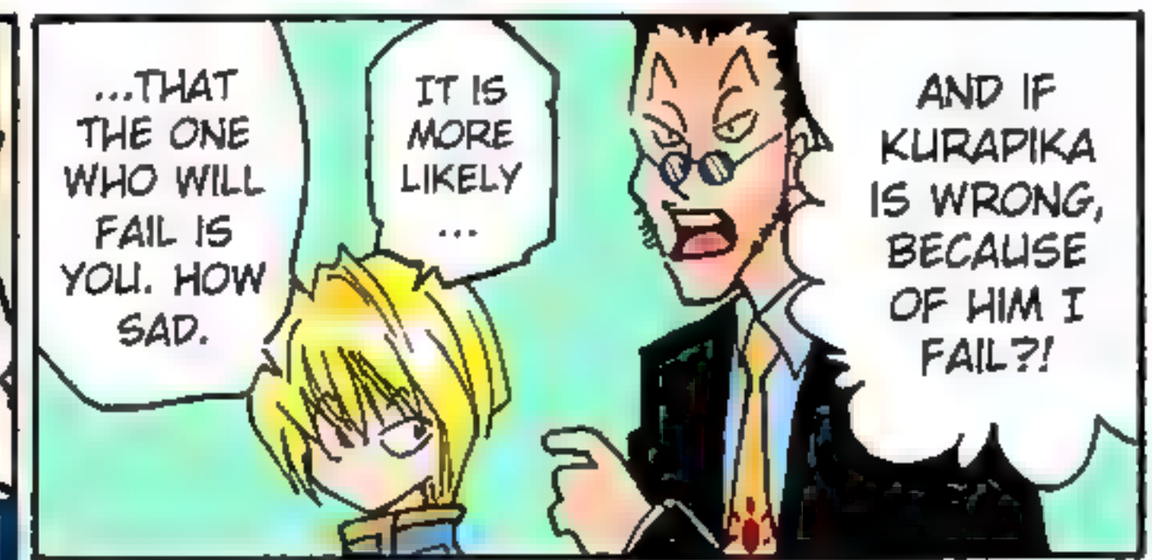
...AND YOU'LL ONLY HAVE 5 SECONDS TO RESPOND.
I WILL ASK YOU ONE QUESTION...

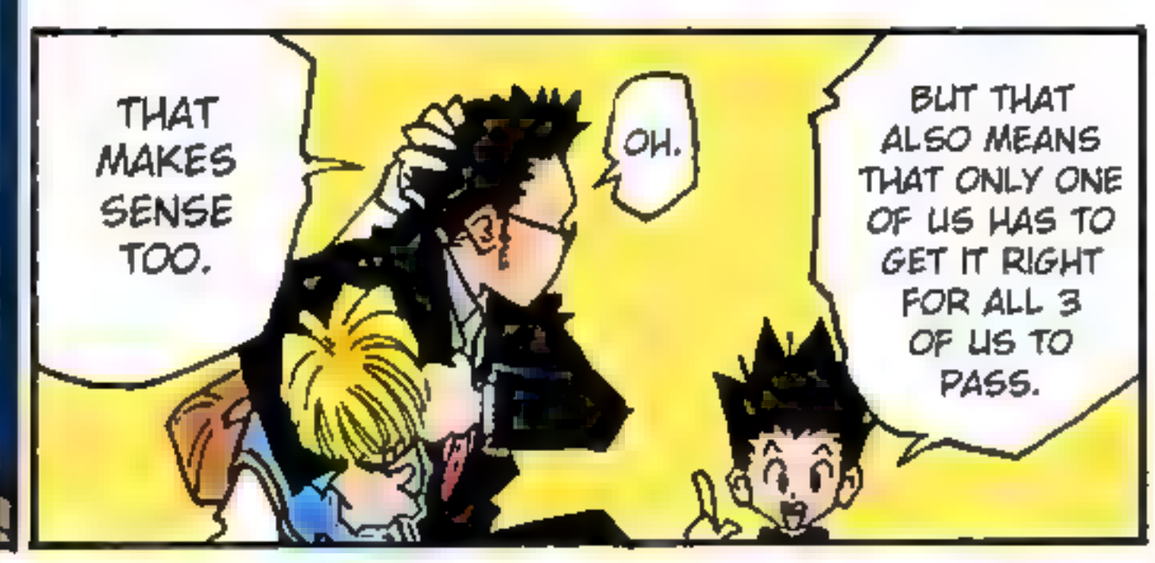

SO THIS IS ANOTHER TEST TO REACH THE HUNTER EXAM.
I SEE.
HMM...


AND NONE OF YOU WILL GET A HUNTER'S LICENSE THIS YEAR.
IF THE ANSWER IS WRONG, YOU WILL FAIL.


HANG ON A MINUTE, IS IT A SINGLE QUESTION FOR ALL THREE OF US?
IF YOU DARE TO SAY SOMETHING ELSE, HOWEVER CUNNING, YOU WILL FAIL.
ANSWER EITHER WITH ANSWER (1) OR ANSWER (2) !!

HEY! YOU GONNA HURRY UP OR WHAT?


...THAT THE ONE WHO WILL FAIL IS YOU. HOW SAD.
IT IS MORE LIKELY ...
AND IF KURAPIKA IS WRONG, BECAUSE OF HIM I FAIL?!


THAT MAKES SENSE TOO.
OH.
BUT THAT ALSO MEANS THAT ONLY ONE OF US HAS TO GET IT RIGHT FOR ALL 3 OF US TO PASS.

YOUR TALK WITH THE CAPTAIN

SO CLUE-LESS.

?

HUH?

...I OVER-HEARD THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR SAILOR FRIEND.

HEH HEH SORRY, KID...

WELL IF YOU DON'T FEEL SO SURE, DO YOU MIND IF I GO FIRST?

THAT WAY WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT TYPE OF QUESTION THEY'RE ASKING.

ALRIGHT WE'LL LET YOU GO FIRST...

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SO, WHAT'S THE DEAL?

HERE'S THE QUES-TION.

FOOLS, I'LL GO AHEAD AND LEAVE TRAPS FOR ALL OF YOU ON THE WAY.

I'LL GO FIRST.

!?

IMPOSSIBLE... COULD SHE REALLY BE SERIOUS? THERE CAN'T BE A PROPER ANSWER TO THIS KIND OF QUESTION!! DOES SHE EXPECT US TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT THE PREFERENCE?

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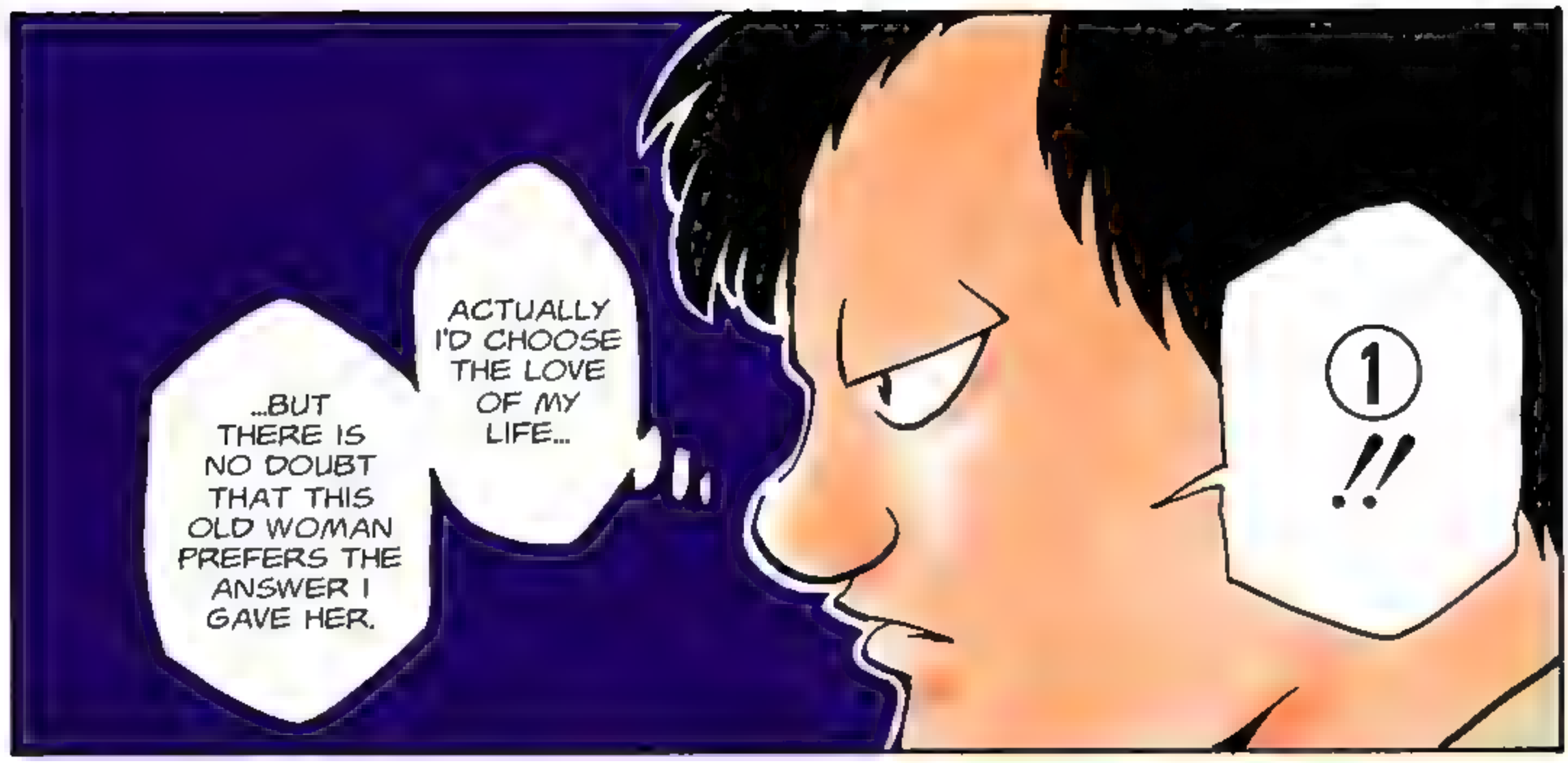
(1)YOUR MOTHER (2) THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE.

WHO DO YOU CHOOSE?

SOME BANDITS HAVE KIDNAPPED YOUR MOTHER AND THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE. YOU CAN ONLY SAVE ONE.


...BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS OLD WOMAN PREFERS THE ANSWER I GAVE HER.
ACTUALLY I'D CHOOSE THE LOVE OF MY LIFE...
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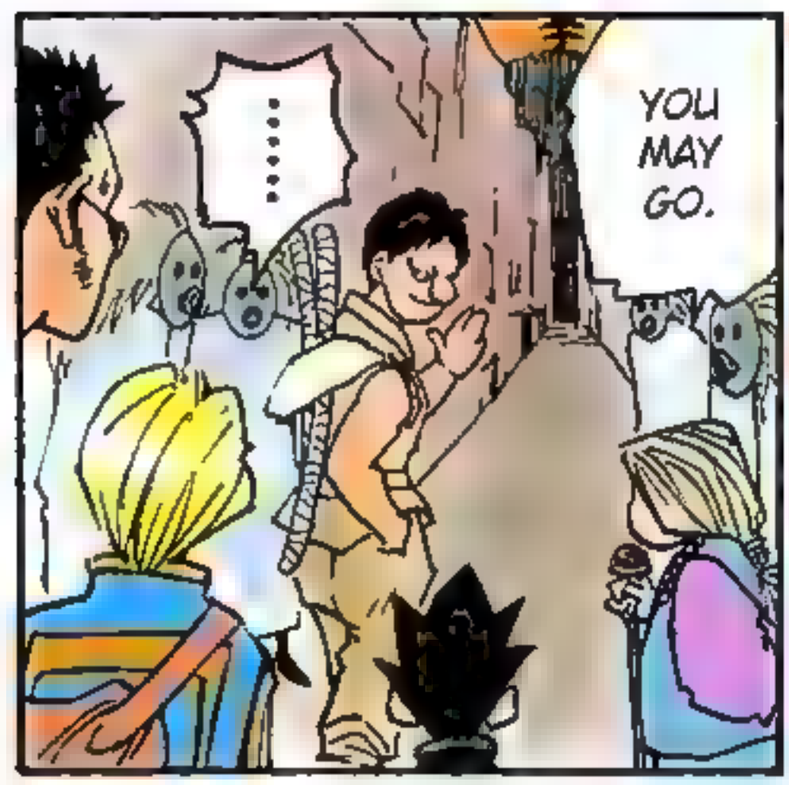
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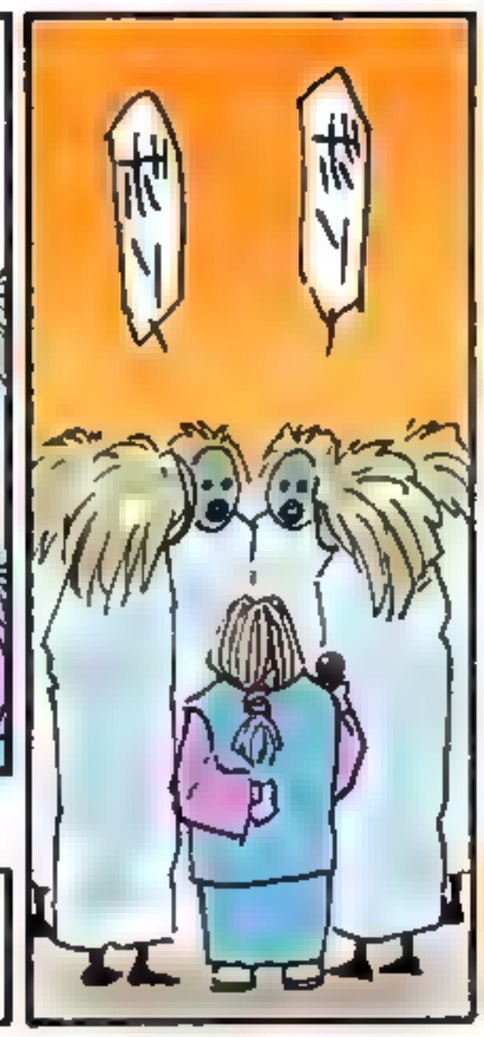
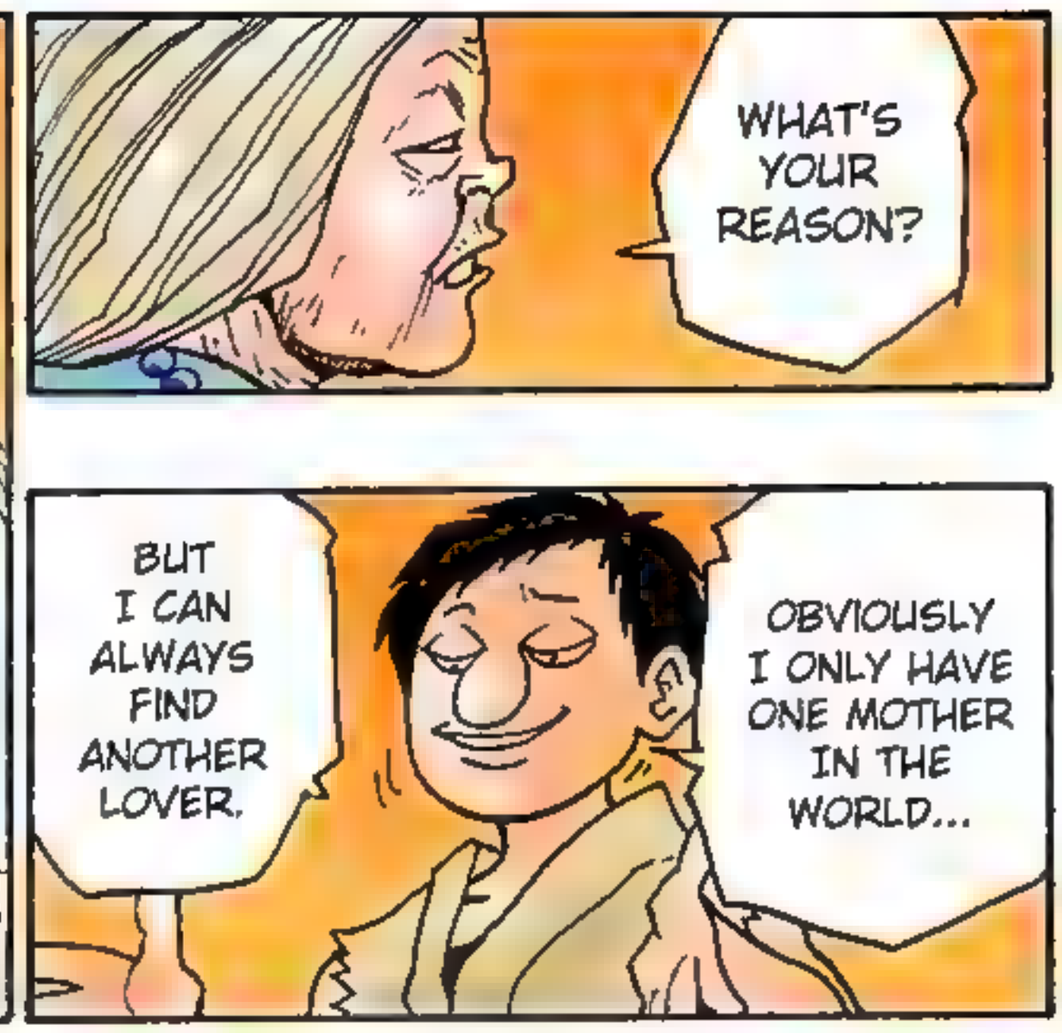
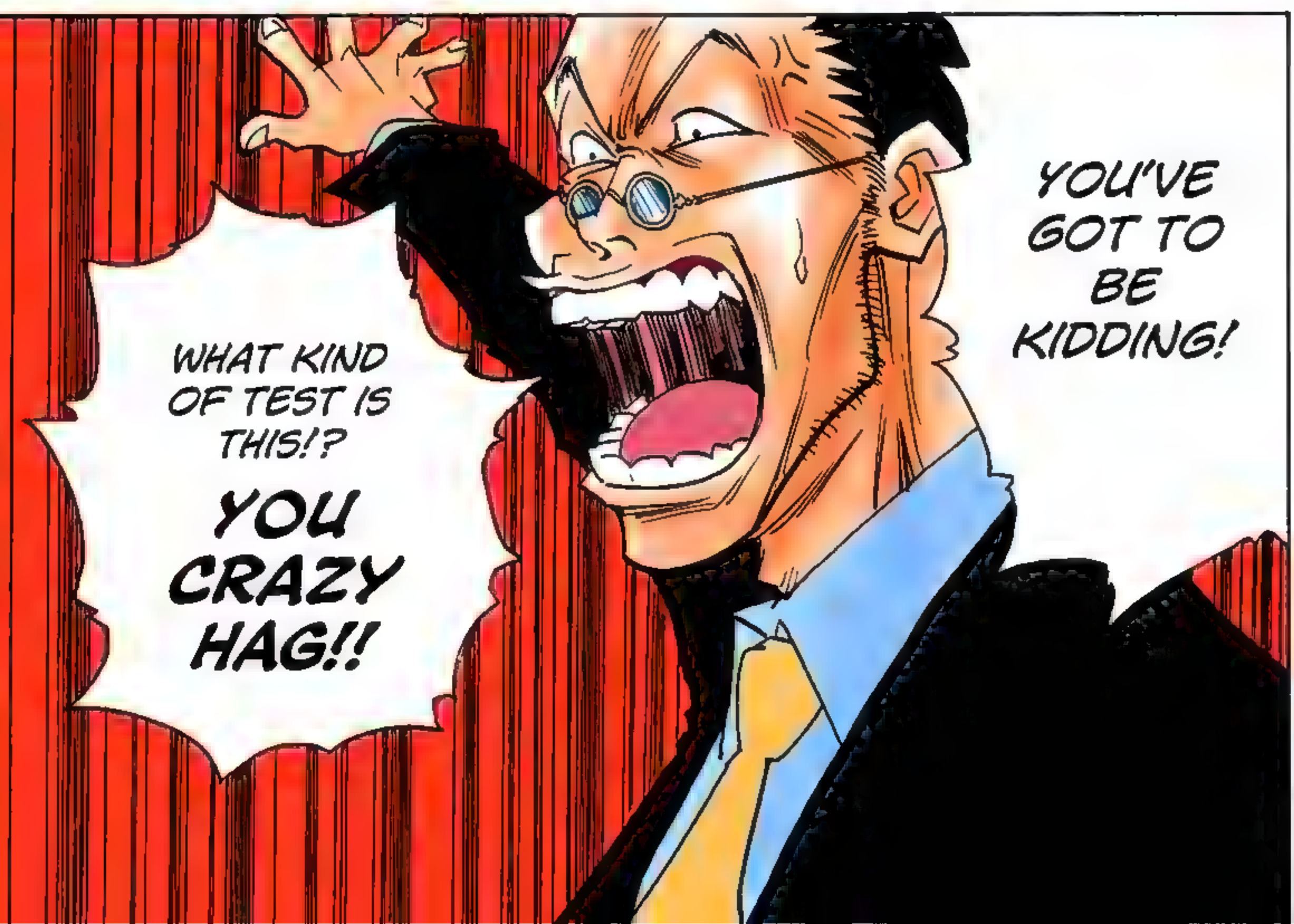
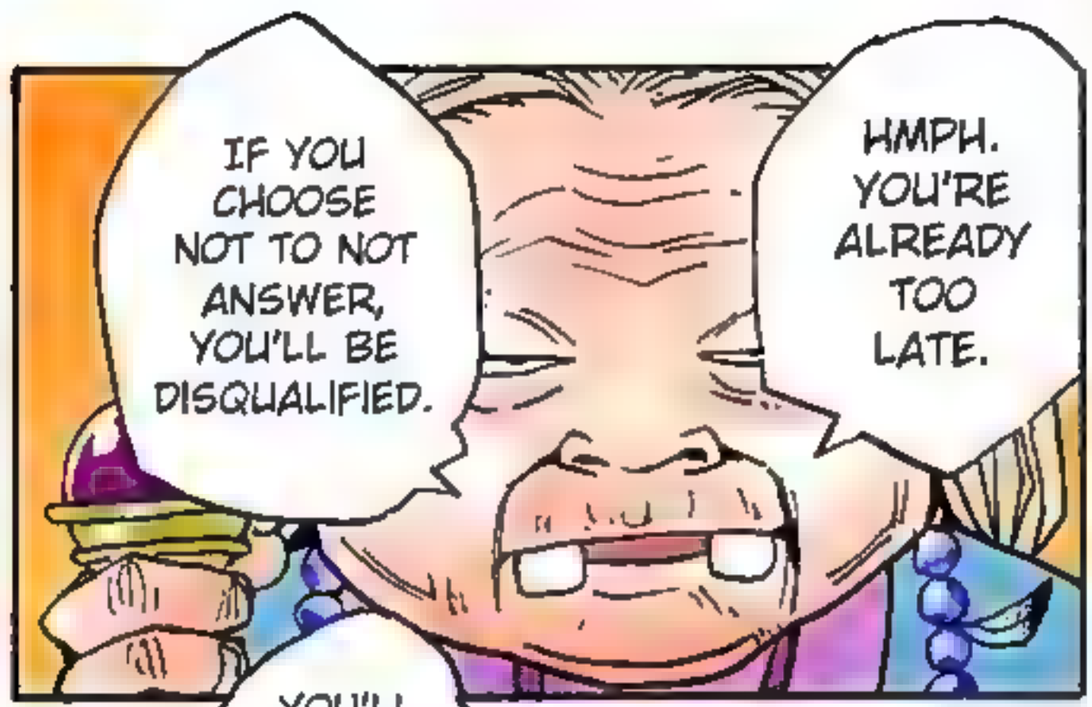
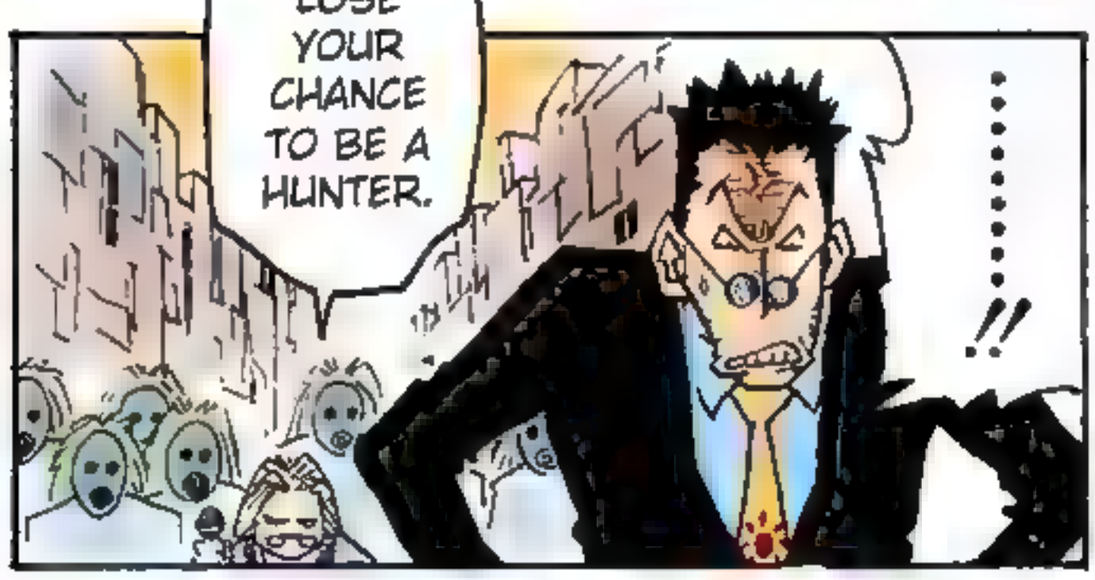
YOU MAY GO.




WHAT'S YOUR REASON?
BUT I CAN ALWAYS FIND ANOTHER LOVER.
OBVIOUSLY I ONLY HAVE ONE MOTHER IN THE WORLD...


WHAT KIND OF TEST IS THIS!? YOU CRAZY HAG!!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!


IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO NOT ANSWER, YOU'LL BE DISQUALIFIED.
HMPH. YOU'RE ALREADY TOO LATE.


YOU'LL LOSE YOUR CHANCE TO BE A HUNTER.
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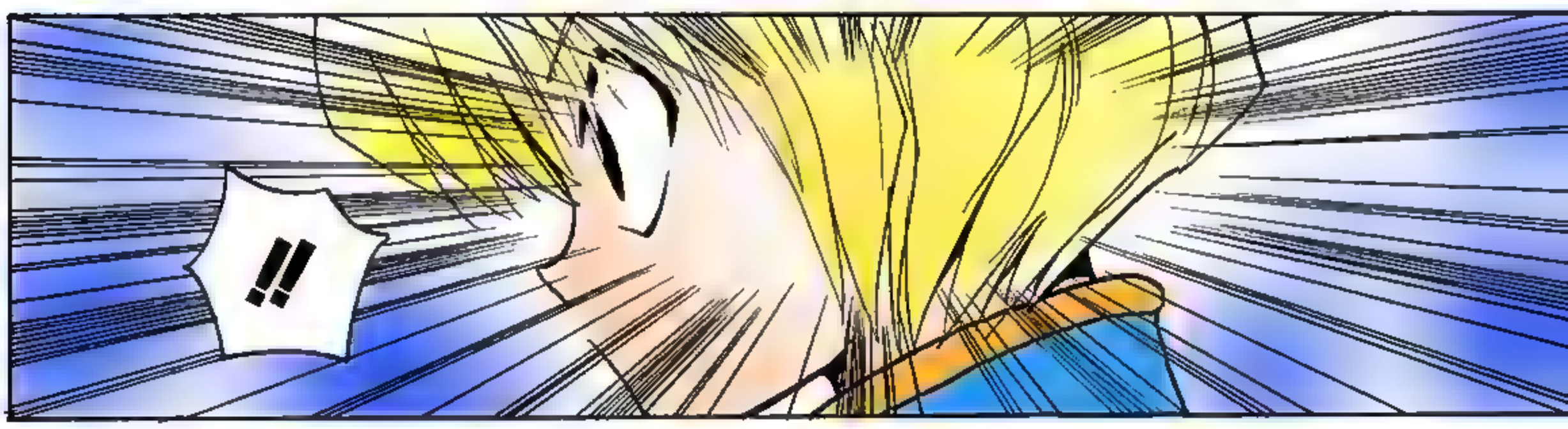
ALL YOU EXAMINERS ARE A BUNCH OF PHONIES!! AND I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
THERE IS NO "CORRECT" ANSWER TO THAT KIND OF QUESTION AND THERE'S NEVER BEEN ONE!!
I'M GOING BACK!! I'M GONNA TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE!!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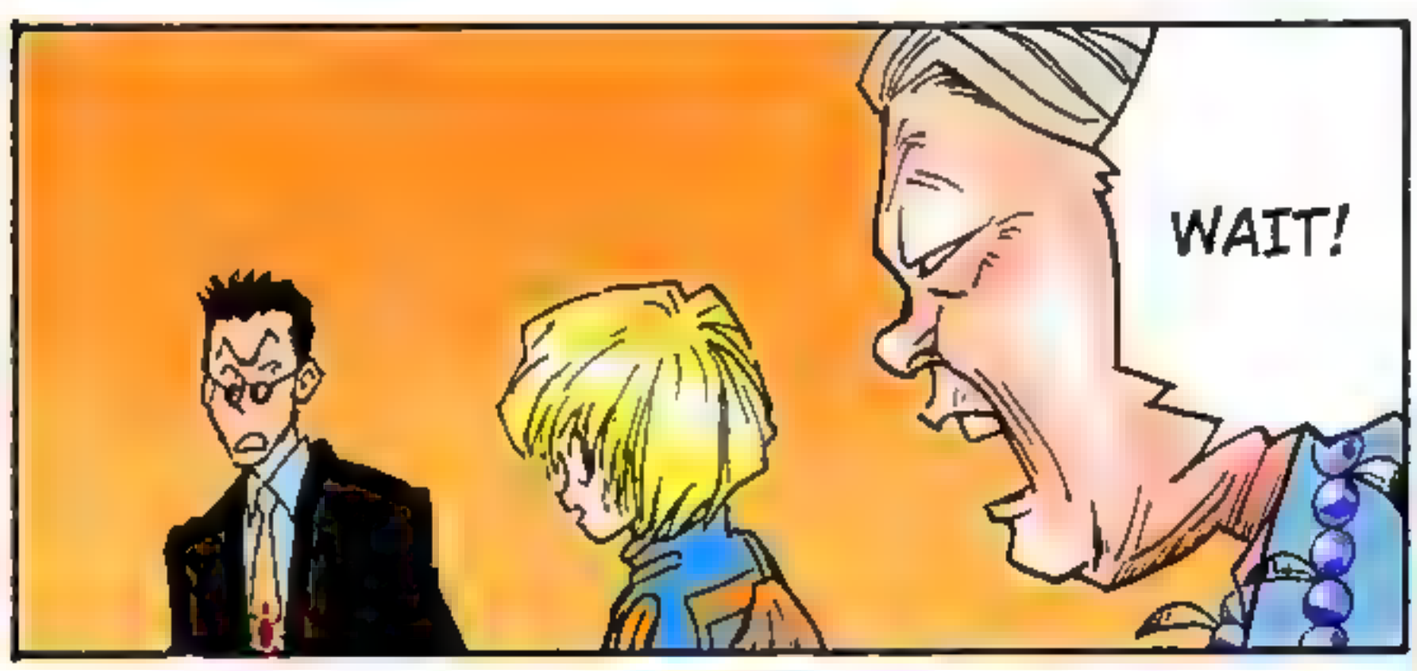
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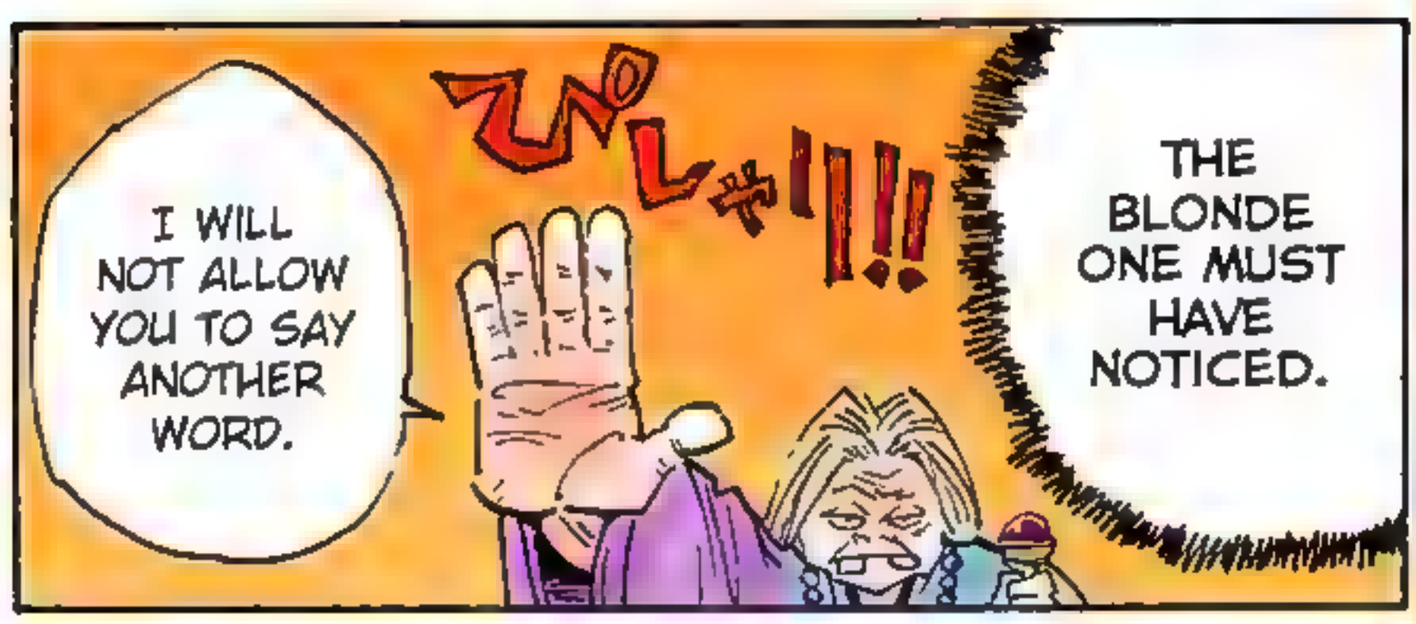
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO SAY ANOTHER WORD.
THE BLONDE ONE MUST HAVE NOTICED.

WHAT?! DO YOU INTEND TO CONTINUE WITH THIS WHOLE CHARADE!?
LEORIO !!

NOW ANSWER!
(1) TAKE THE QUIZ
(2) DON'T TAKE THE TEST.

I WILL NOT ALLOW ANY UNNECESSARY SPEECH FROM NOW ON.

DON'T BE FOOLED LEORIO!!

THIS IS JUST A SIMPLE TRICK!!

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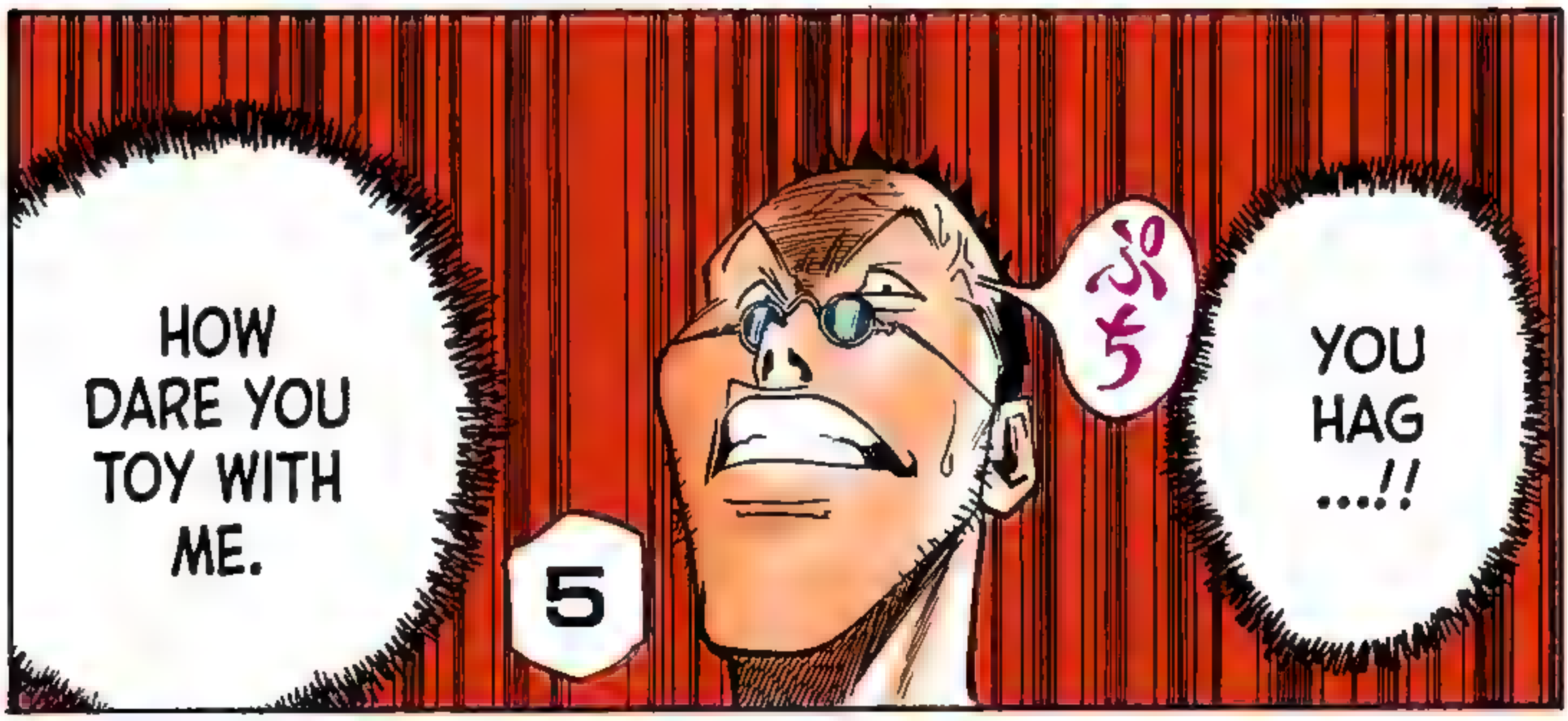
(1) YOUR DAUGHTER.
(2) YOUR SON.
WHO WOULD YOU RESCUE?

YOUR SON AND DAUGHTER HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY A BUNCH OF BANDITS, BUT YOU CAN ONLY RESCUE ONE OF THEM.

NOW HERE'S THE QUESTION.

GON!! YOU MUST HAVE FIGURED IT OUT.

THEN RECOGNIZE THE TRICK TO THE QUIZ!!


HOW DARE YOU TOY WITH ME.
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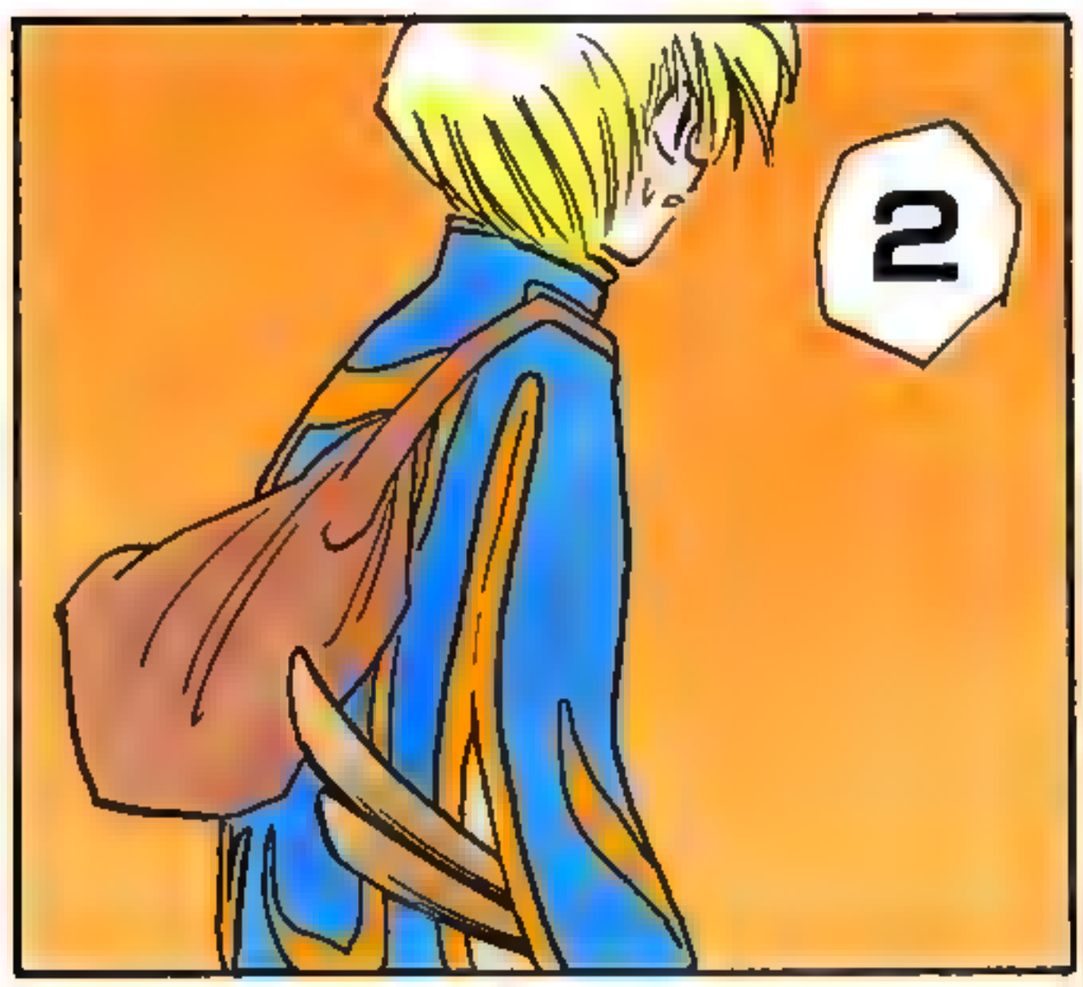
YOU HAG ...!!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LOOK AT HER ARROGNATLY COUNTING DOWN THE SECONDS.
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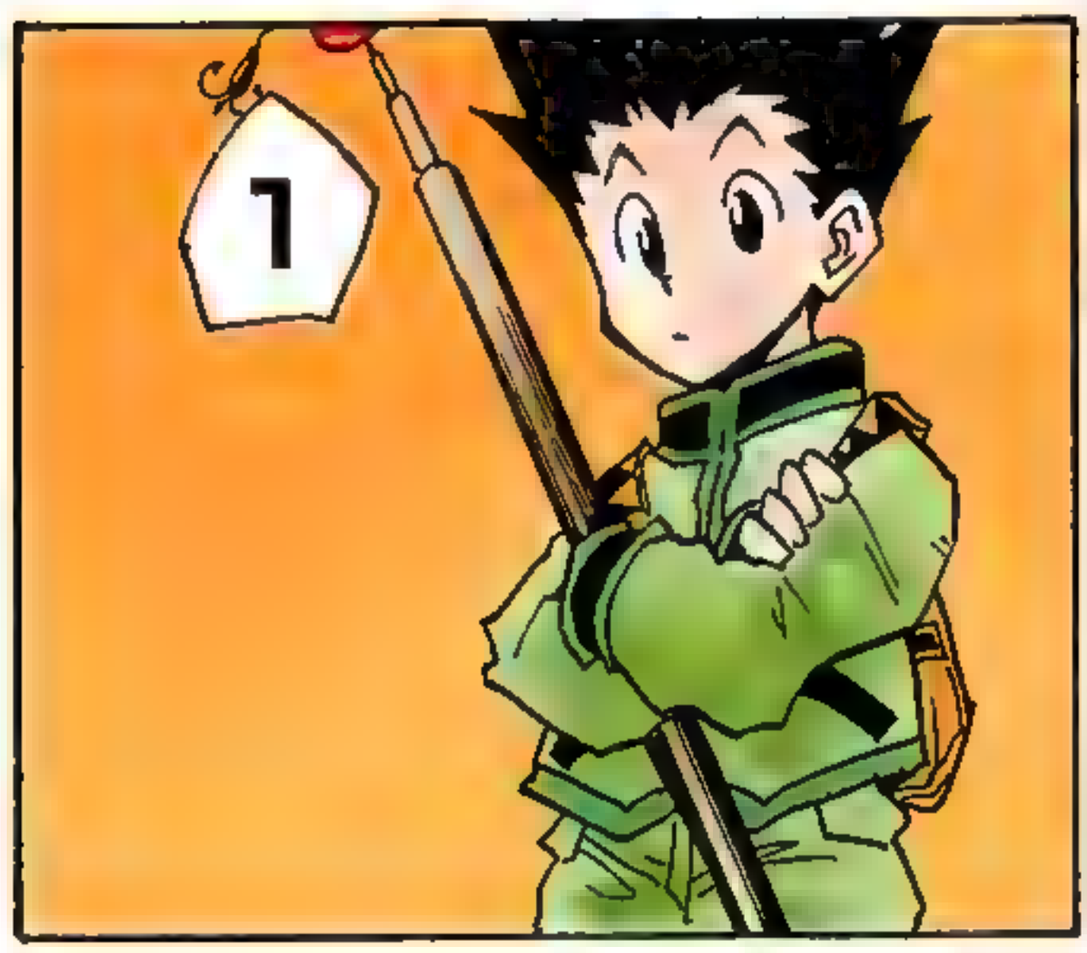
COUNT AWAY. YOU'LL BE COUNTING DOWN THE REMAINING SECONDS OF YOUR LIFE.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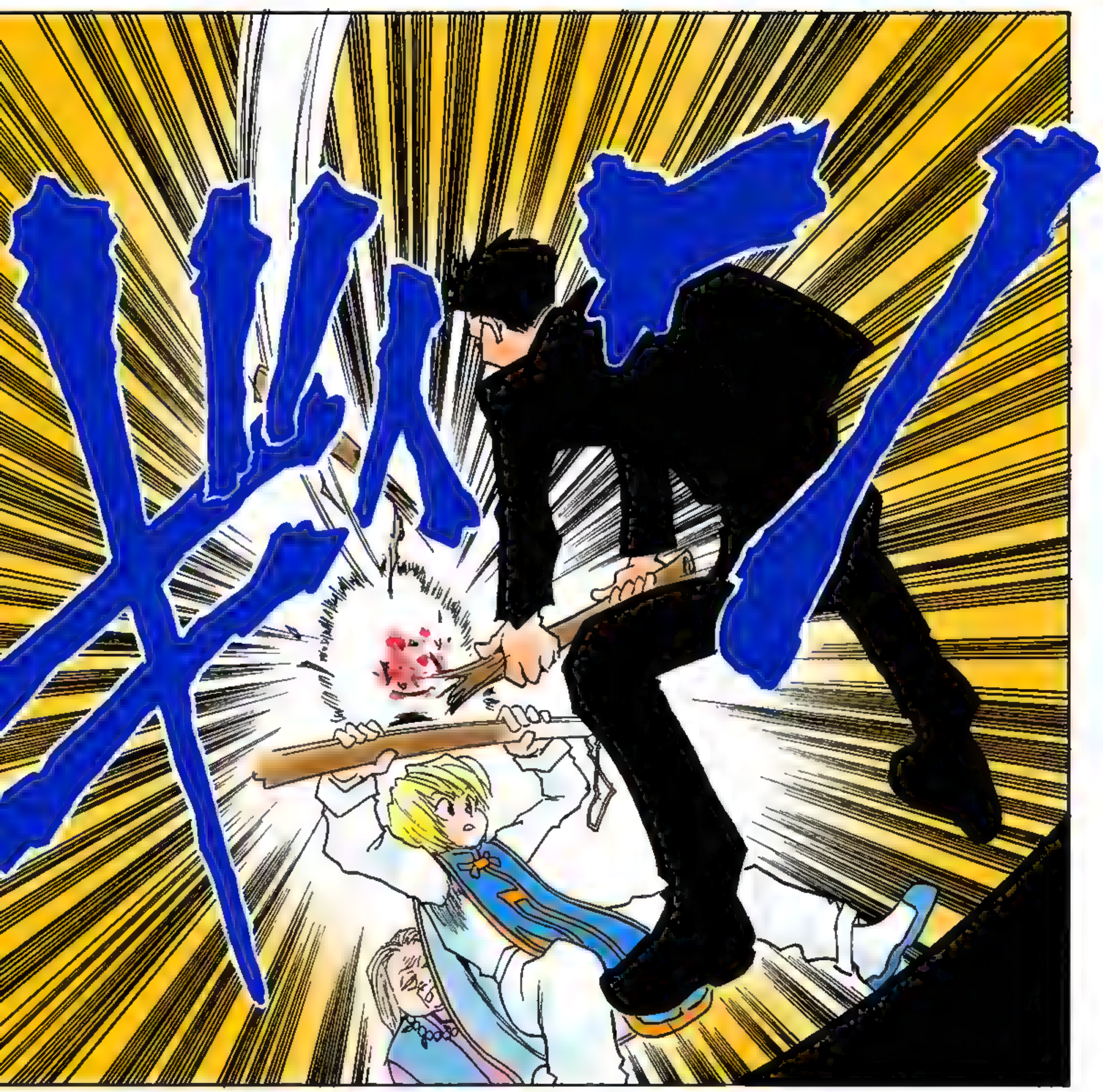
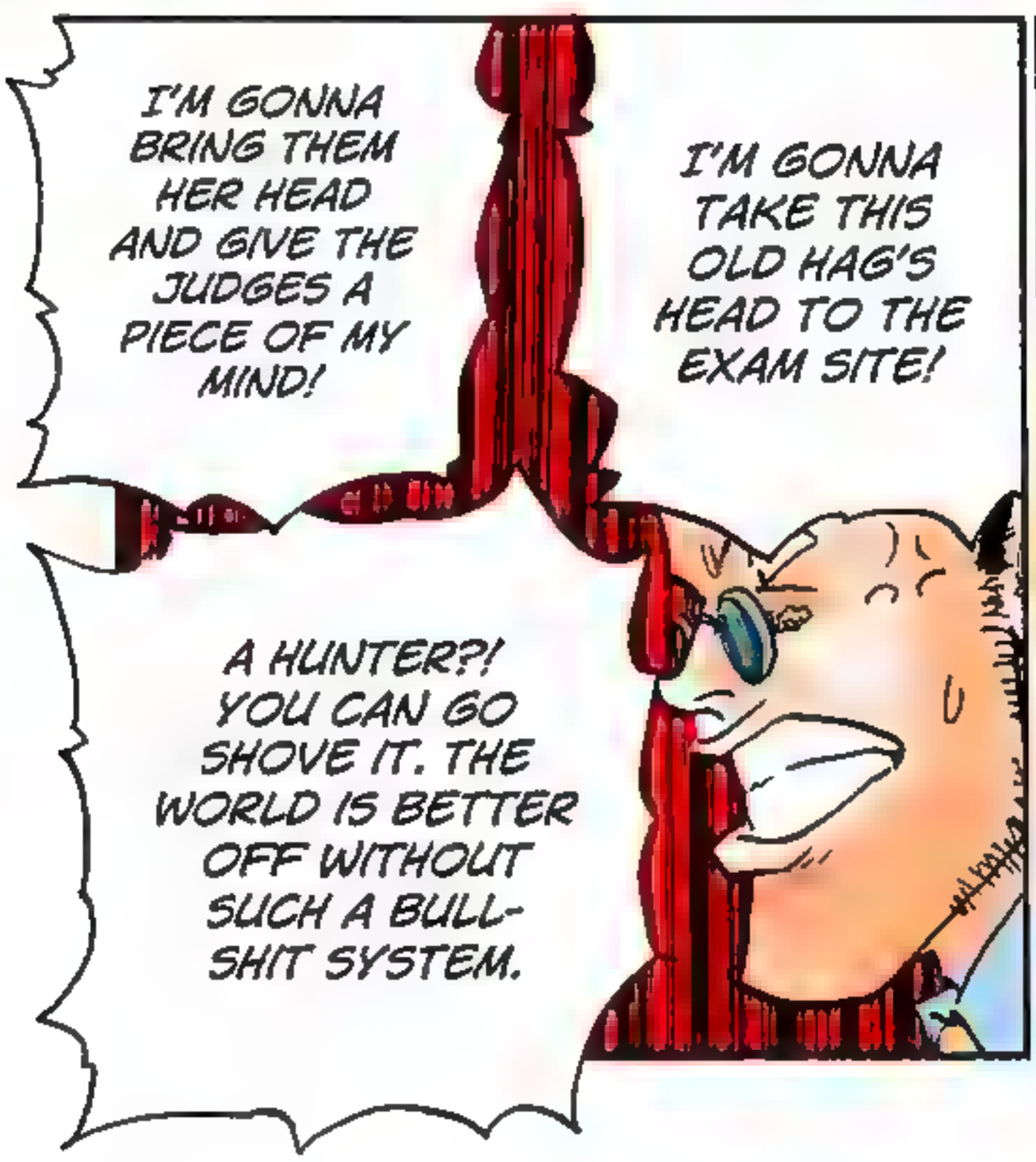
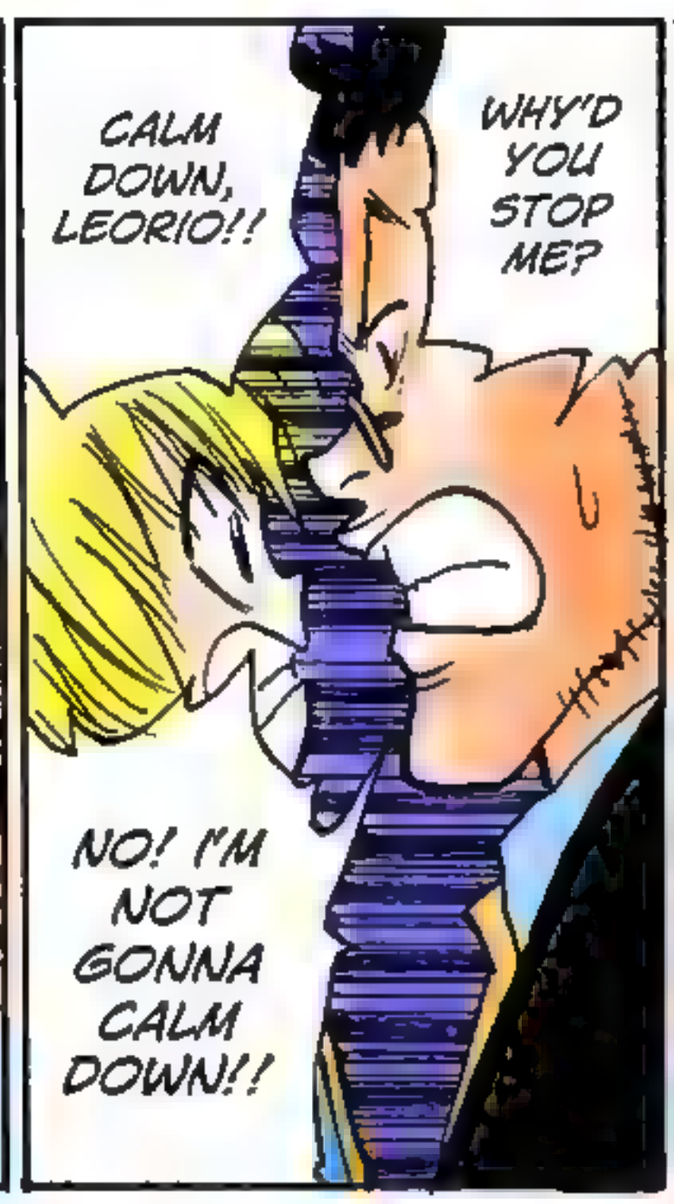
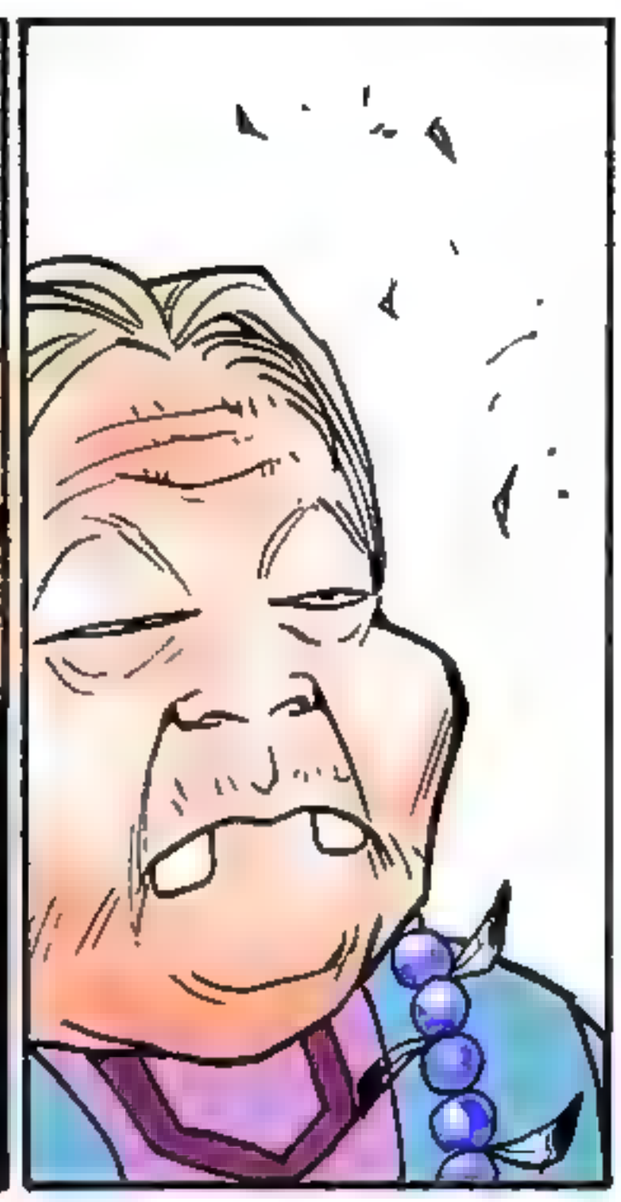
TIMES... UP...
BEEEP




I'M GONNA BRING THEM HER HEAD AND GIVE THE JUDGES A PIECE OF MY MIND!
I'M GONNA TAKE THIS OLD HAG'S HEAD TO THE EXAM SITE!
A HUNTER?! YOU CAN GO SHOVE IT. THE WORLD IS BETTER OFF WITHOUT SUCH A BULL-SHIT SYSTEM.


CALM DOWN, LEORIO!!
WHY'D YOU STOP ME?
NO! I'M NOT GONNA CALM DOWN!!



PHEW!

WE ANSWERED CORRECTLY, LEORIO.

ARE YOU GOING TO THROW AWAY THIS CHANCE?

HUH?

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THAT'S THE CORRECT ANSWER.

IT'S SILENCE !!

THEY DIDN'T SAY HE WAS RIGHT.

BUT, THAT GUY JUST NOW...

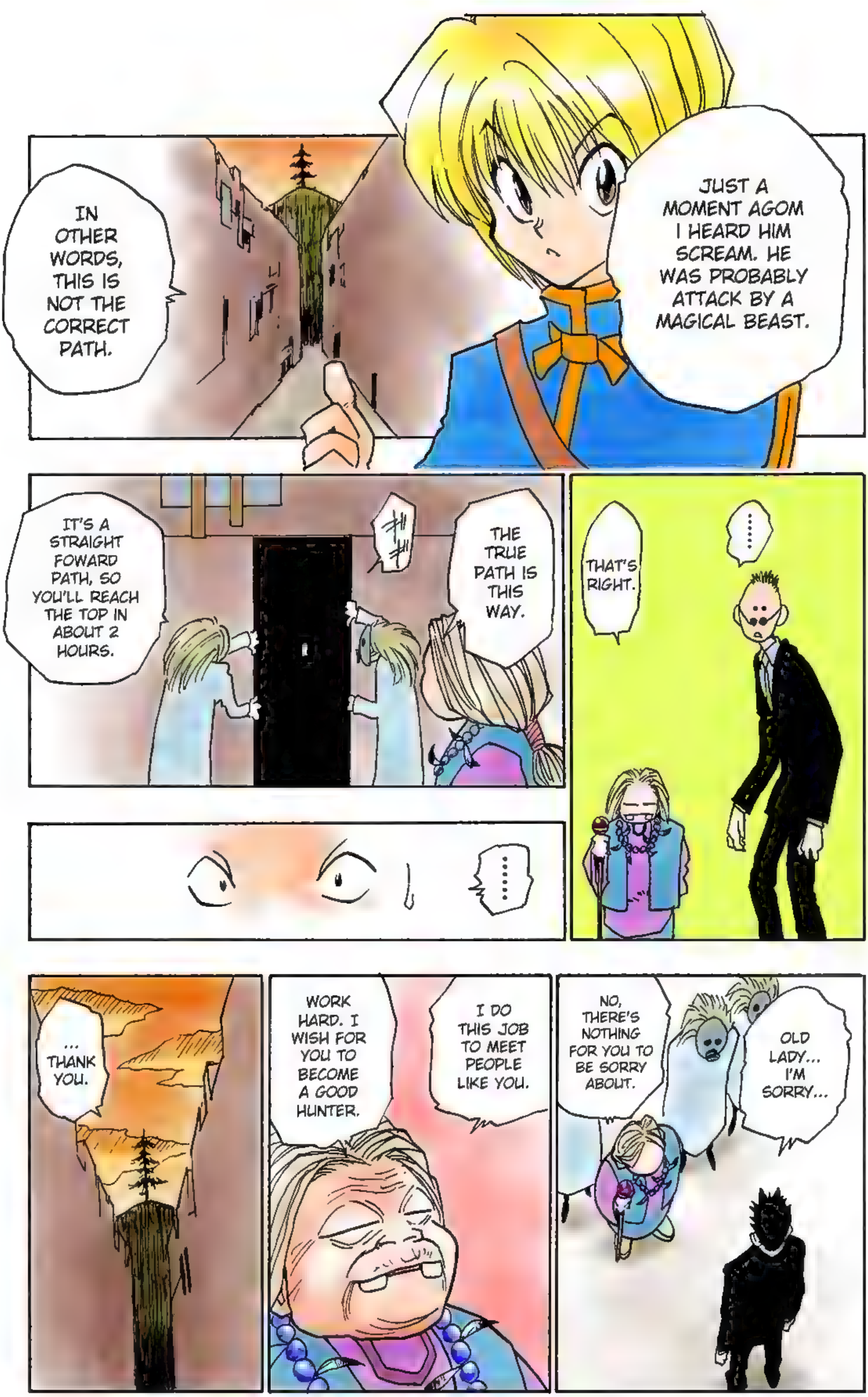
THEY ONLY SAID HE COULD GO.

SO YOU CAN'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL.

THERE'S ONLY SILENCE.

YOU SAID IT SO YOURSELF, THERE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A CORRECT ANSWER.

YOU WERE RIGHT. THERE IS NO CORRECT ANSWER TO THIS TEST, BUT THE RULE IS YOU CAN ONLY ANSWER (1) OR (2).


IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS NOT THE CORRECT PATH.
JUST A MOMENT AGOM I HEARD HIM SCREAM. HE WAS PROBABLY ATTACK BY A MAGICAL BEAST.
IT'S A STRAIGHT FOWARD PATH, SO YOU'LL REACH THE TOP IN ABOUT 2 HOURS.
THE TRUE PATH IS THIS WAY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
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... THANK YOU.
WORK HARD. I WISH FOR YOU TO BECOME A GOOD HUNTER.
I DO THIS JOB TO MEET PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
NO, THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO BE SORRY ABOUT.
OLD LADY... I'M SORRY...

I CAN'T COME UP WITH AN ANSWER.

I CAN'T DO IT!!

PHEW ...

WHAT? YOU WERE STILL THINKING ABOUT IT?

IT'S OVER NOW.

HA HA HA

HEH ...

IF THERE EVER REALLY COMES A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE WHO ARE PRECIOUS TO US...

BUT ...

THE TEST IS ALREADY OVER.

BE-CAUSE ...

HUH? WHY?

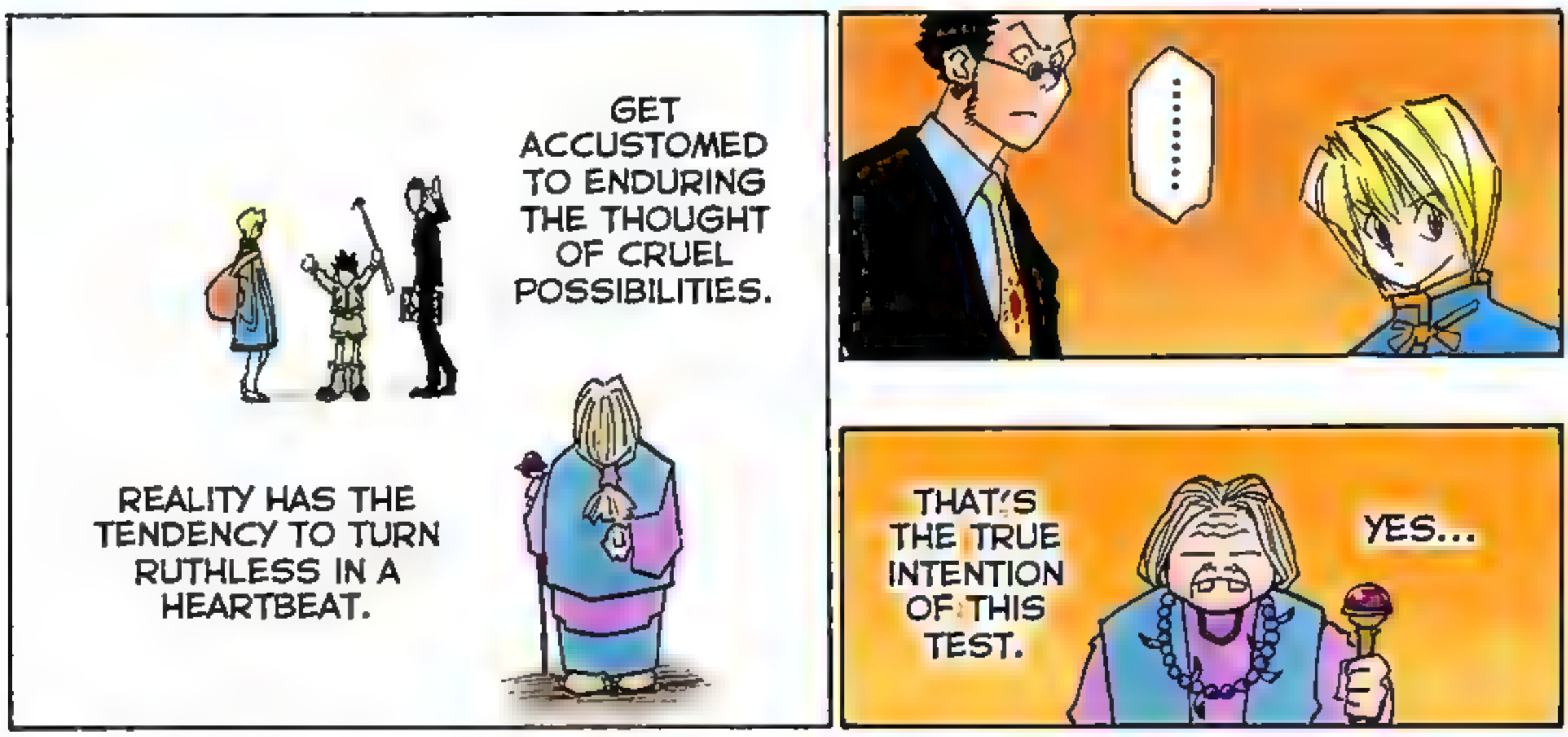
I KNOW THAT.

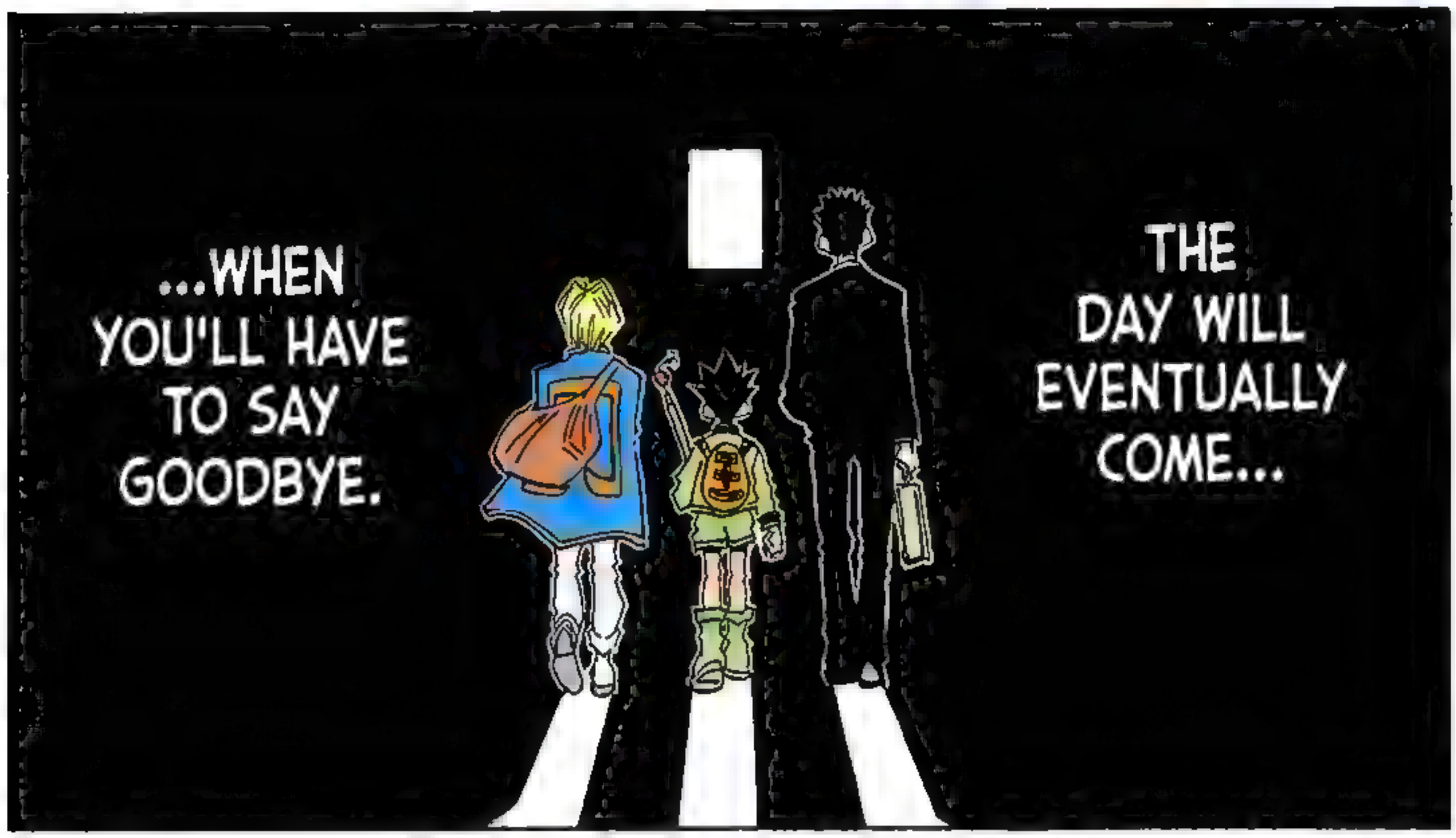
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

BUT THERE MIGHT COME A DAY...

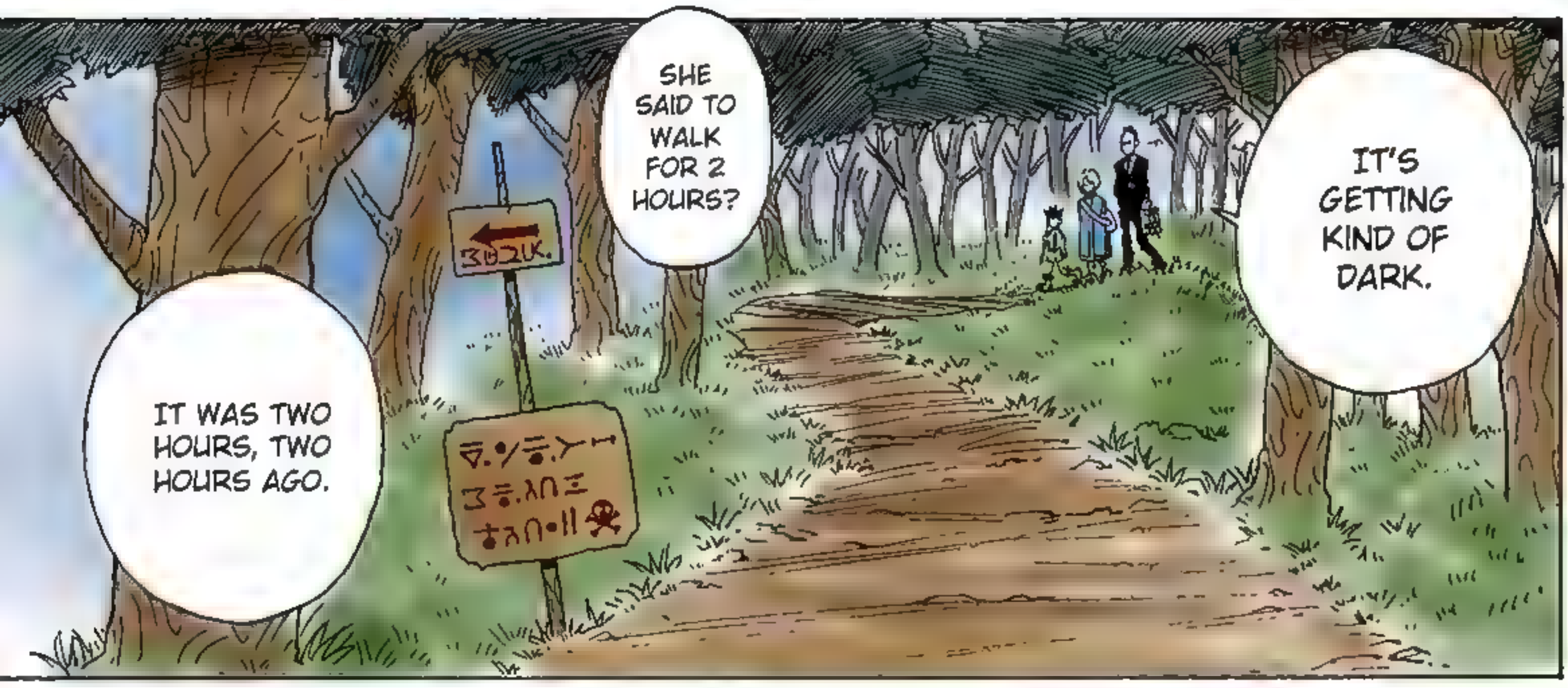
...WHEN WE MUST MAKE A DECISION.

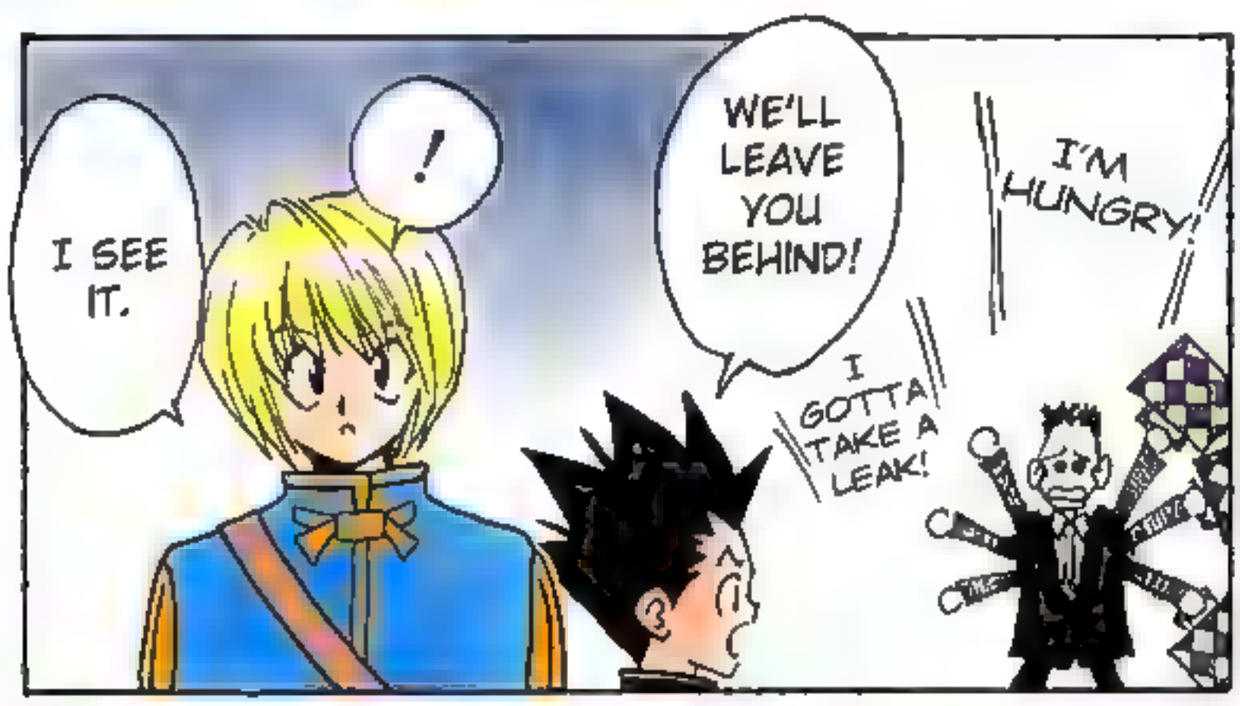
NEITHER ONE IS THE CORRECT ANSWER...

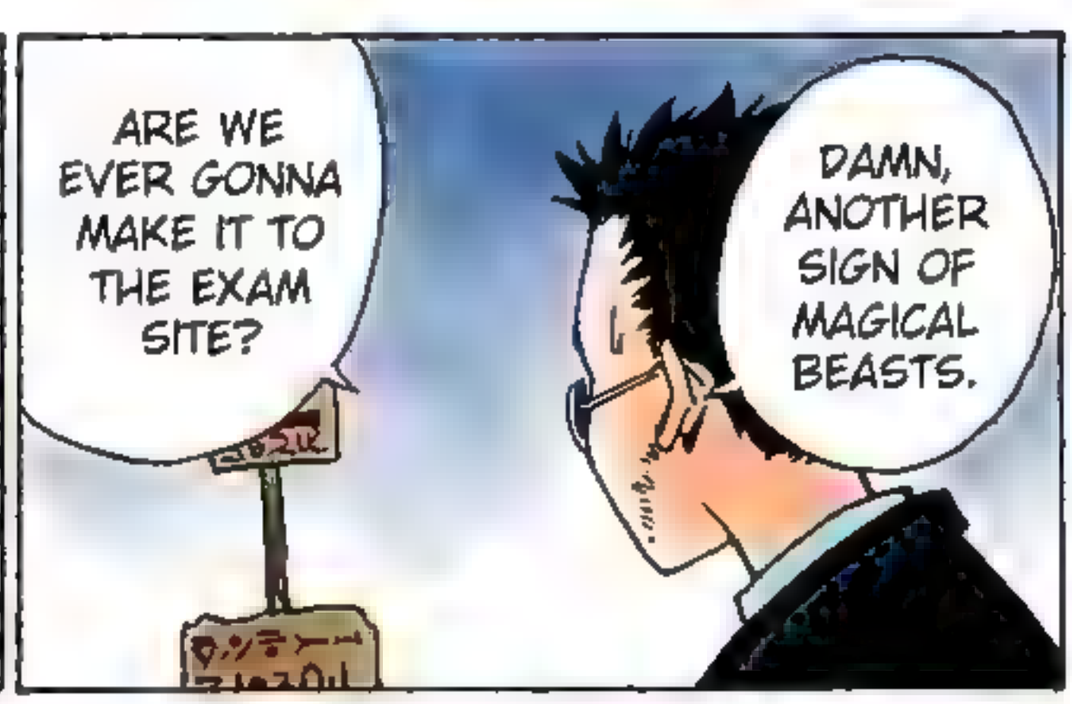


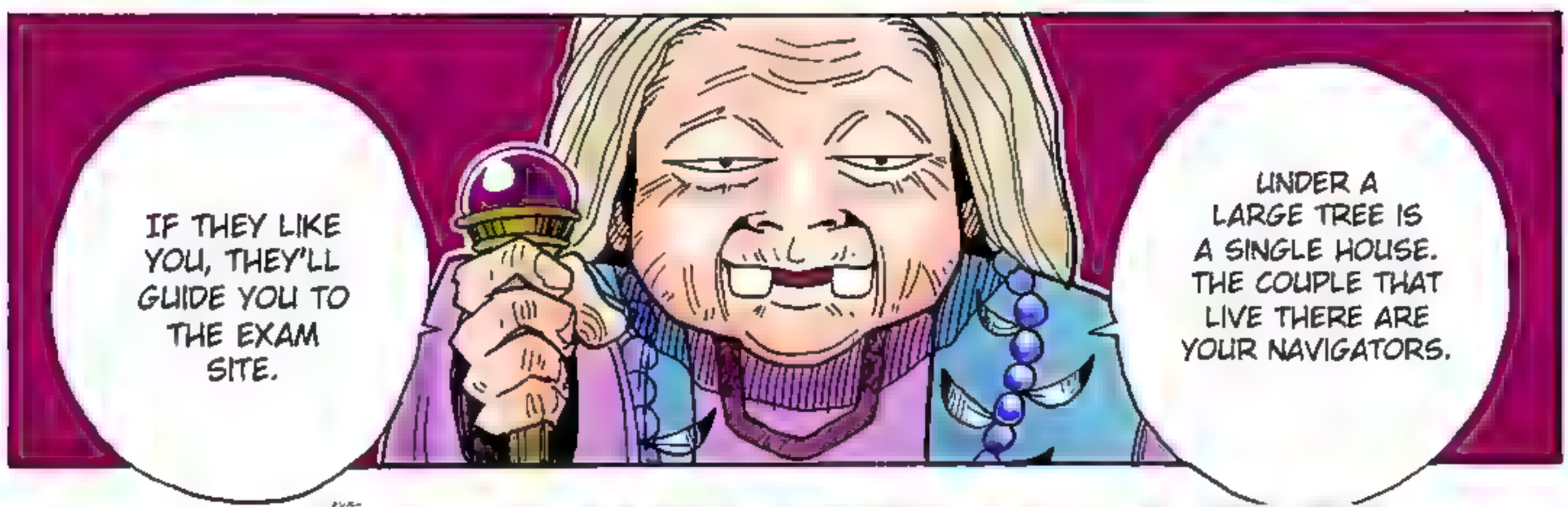


LEORIO









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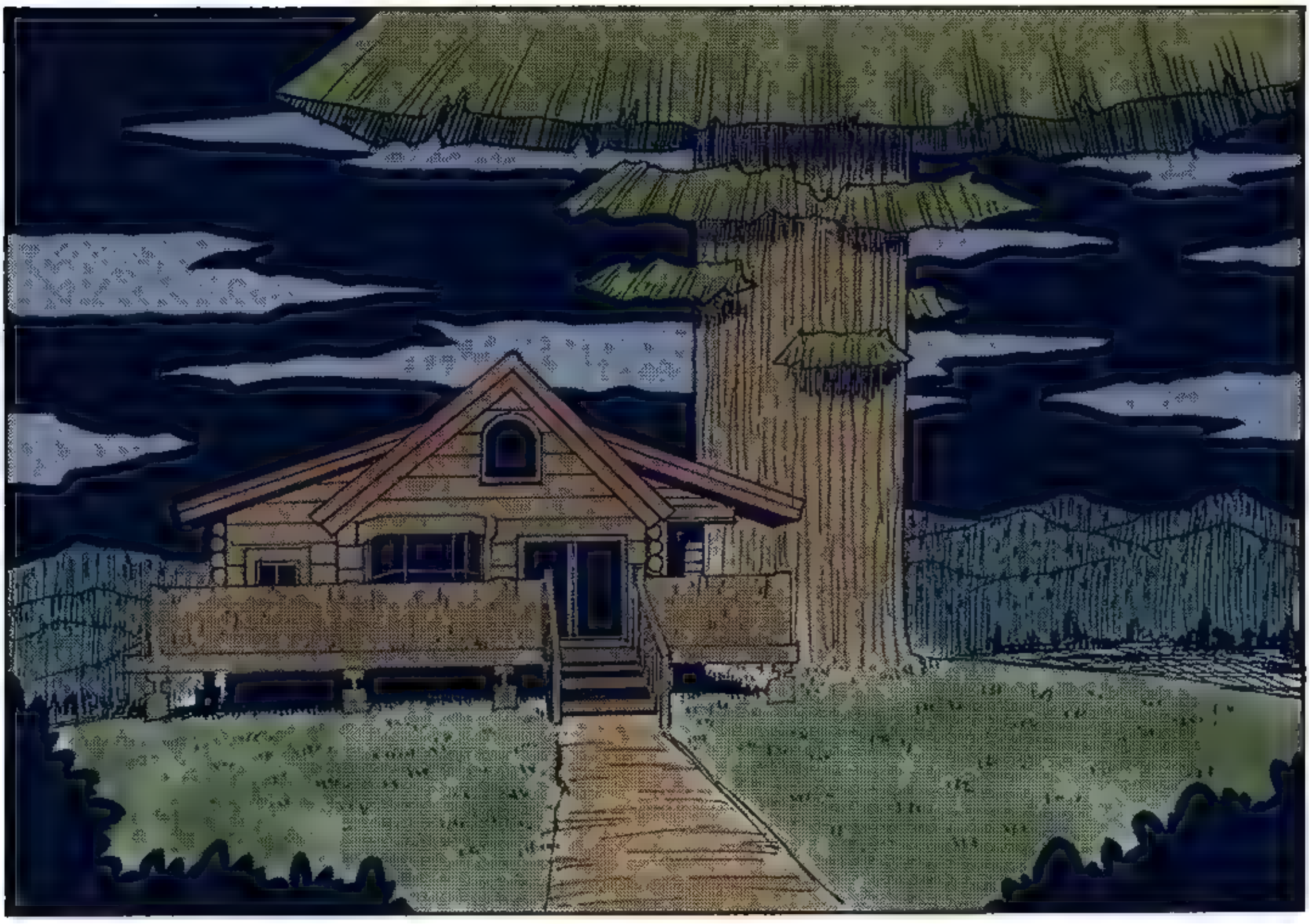
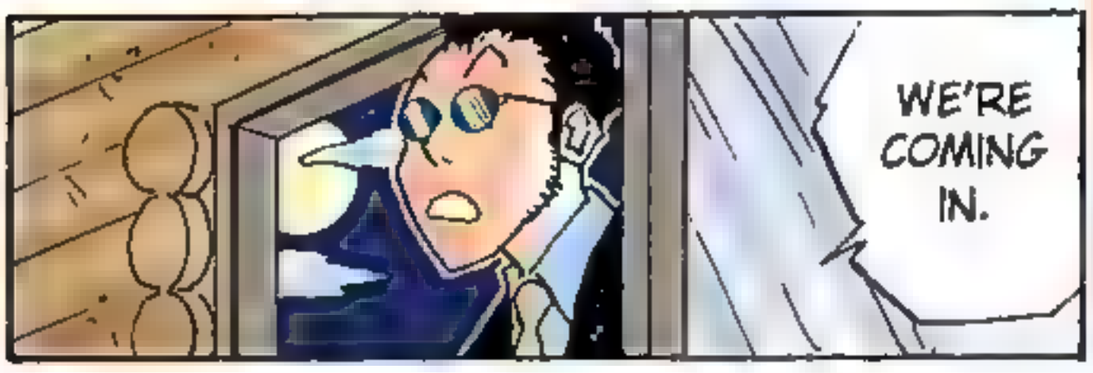
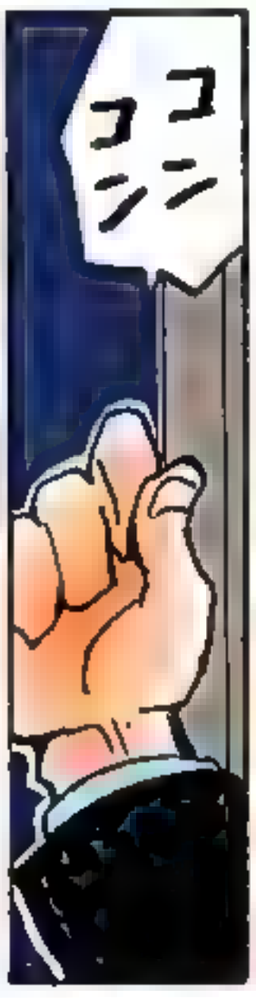



WE'RE COMING IN.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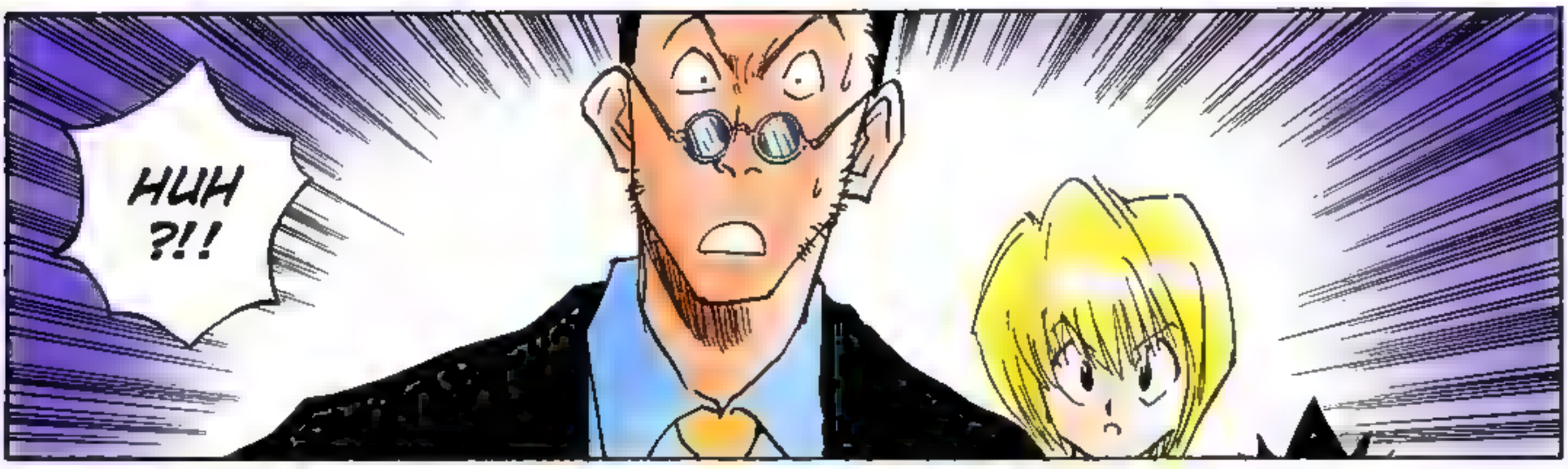
IS ANYONE ELSE HOME?
IT'S QUIET.
FINALLY, WE'RE HERE.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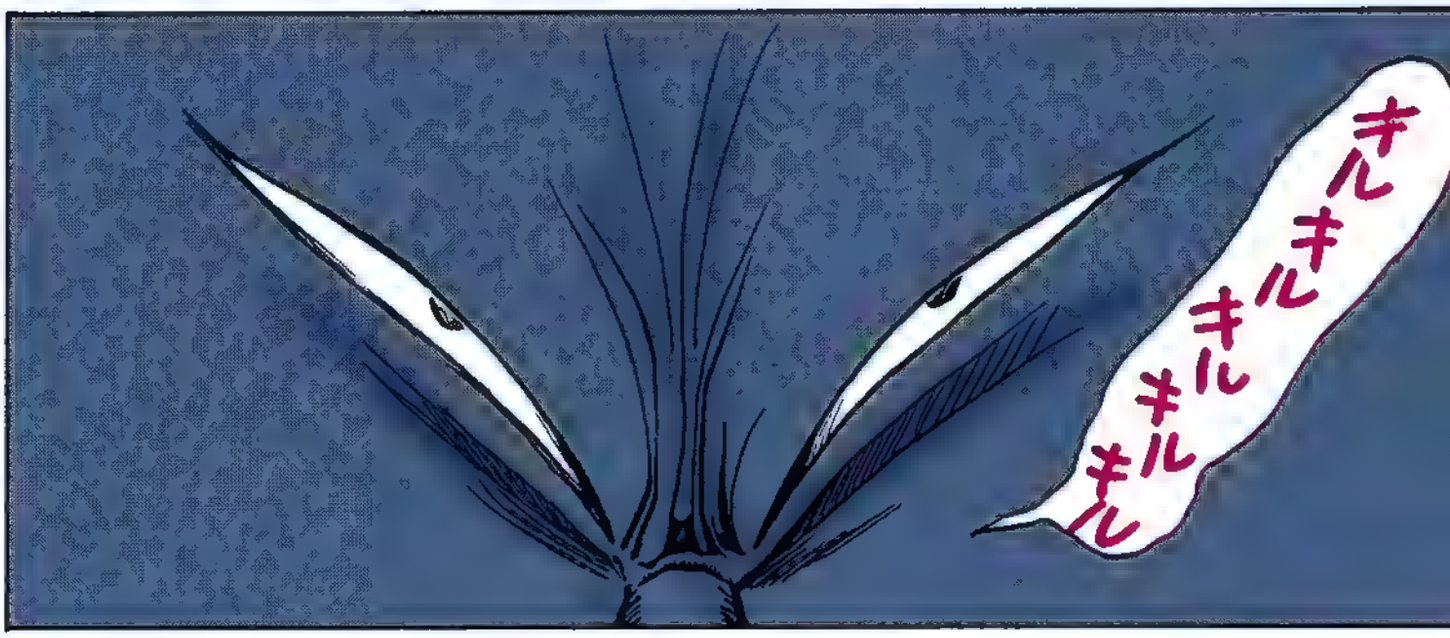
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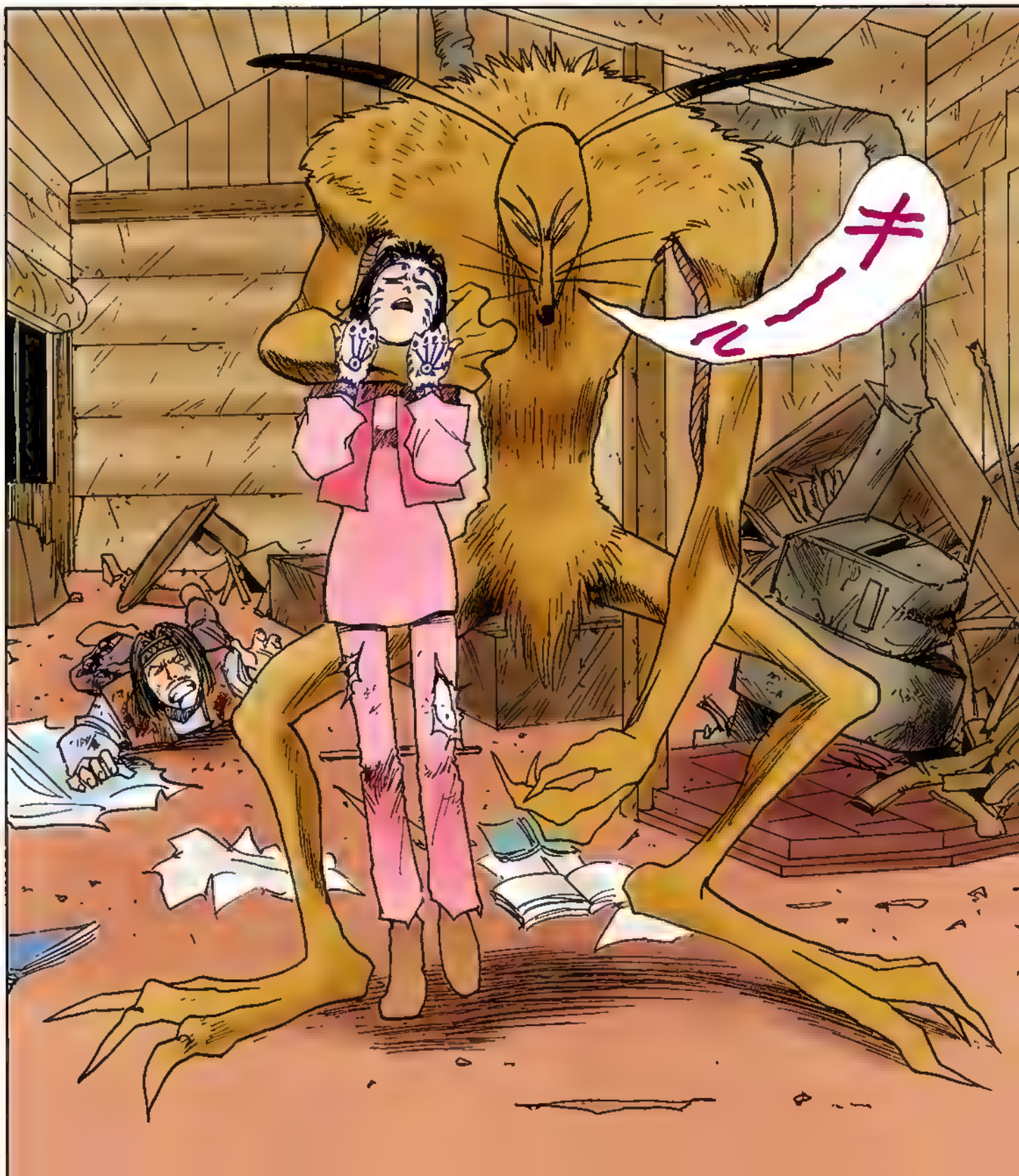
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IT'S A MAGICAL BEAST !!!
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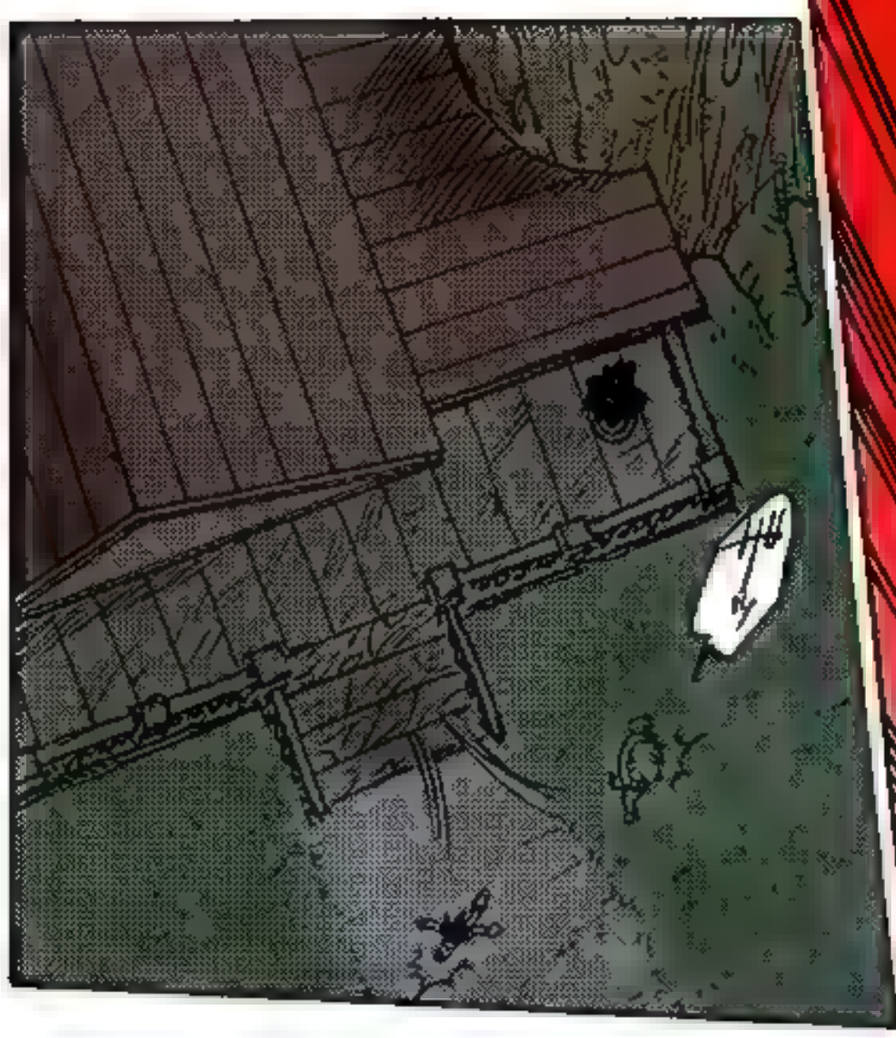
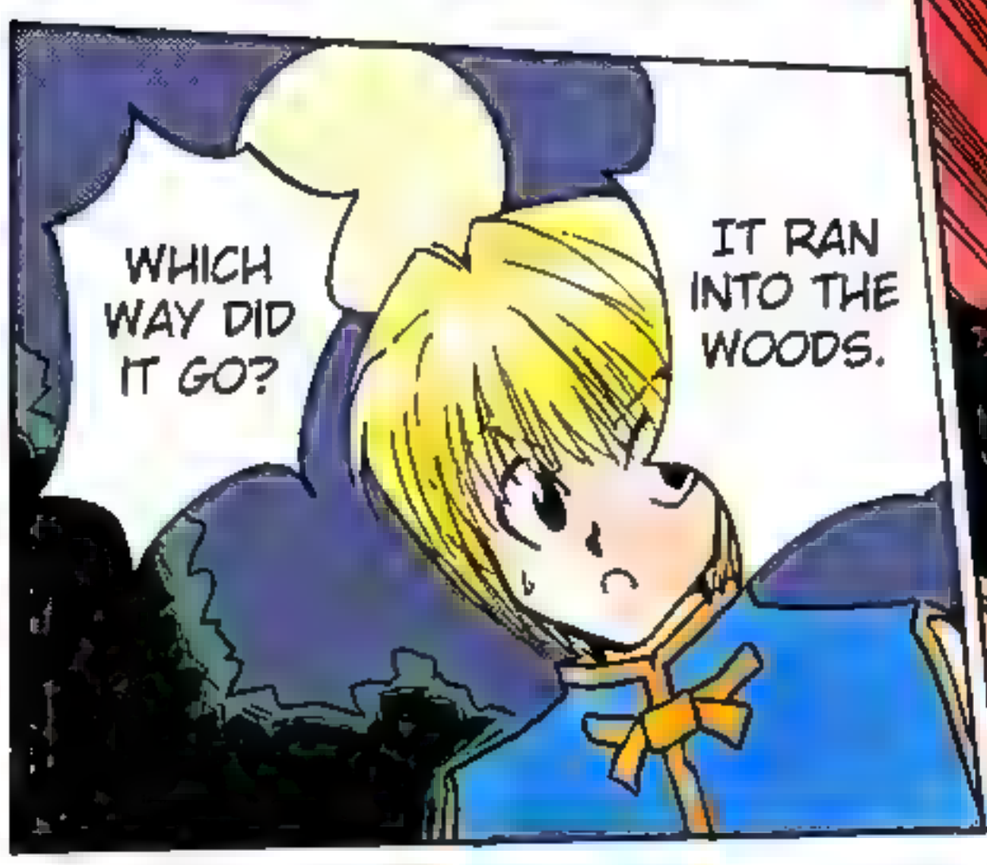
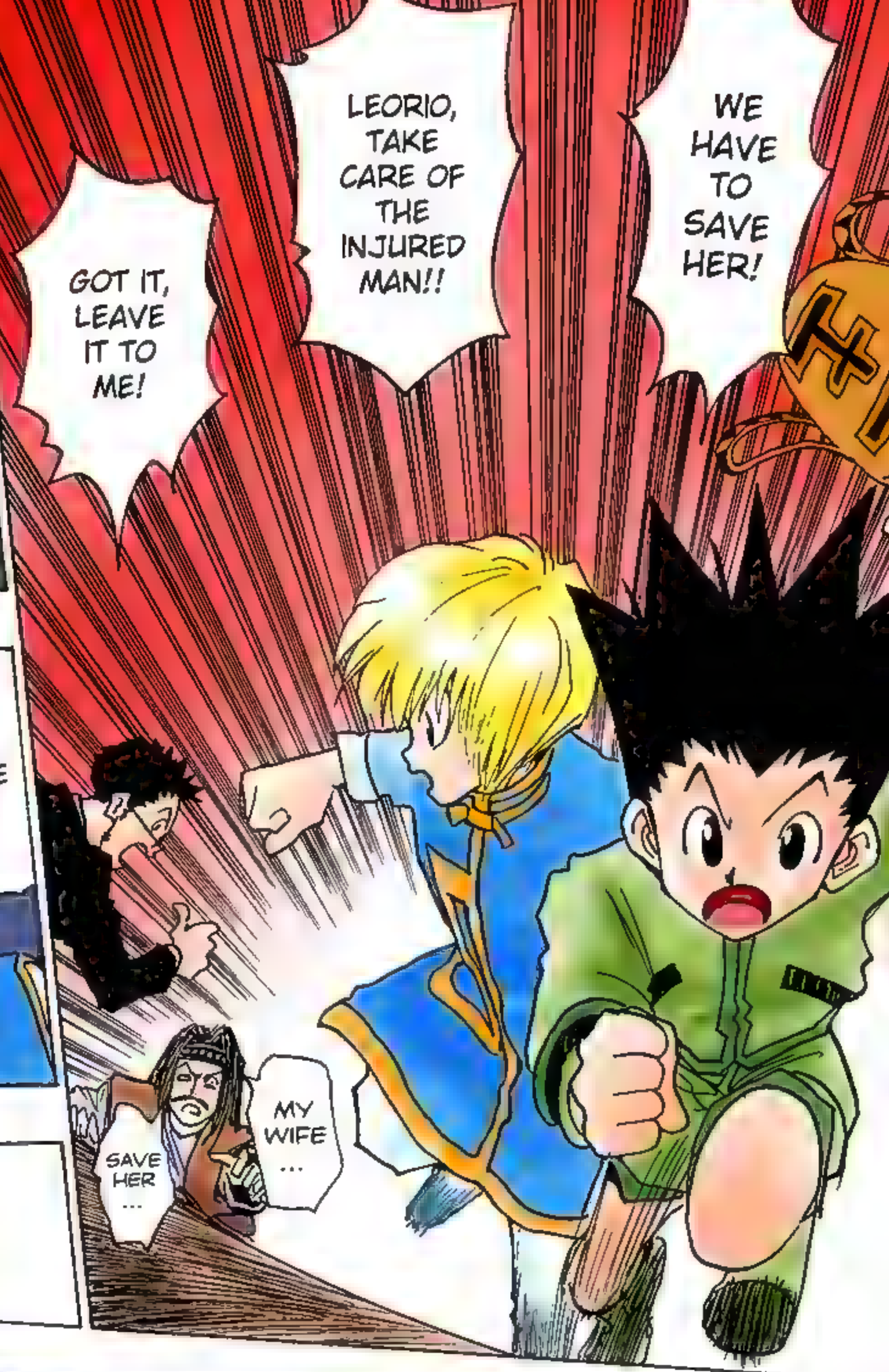
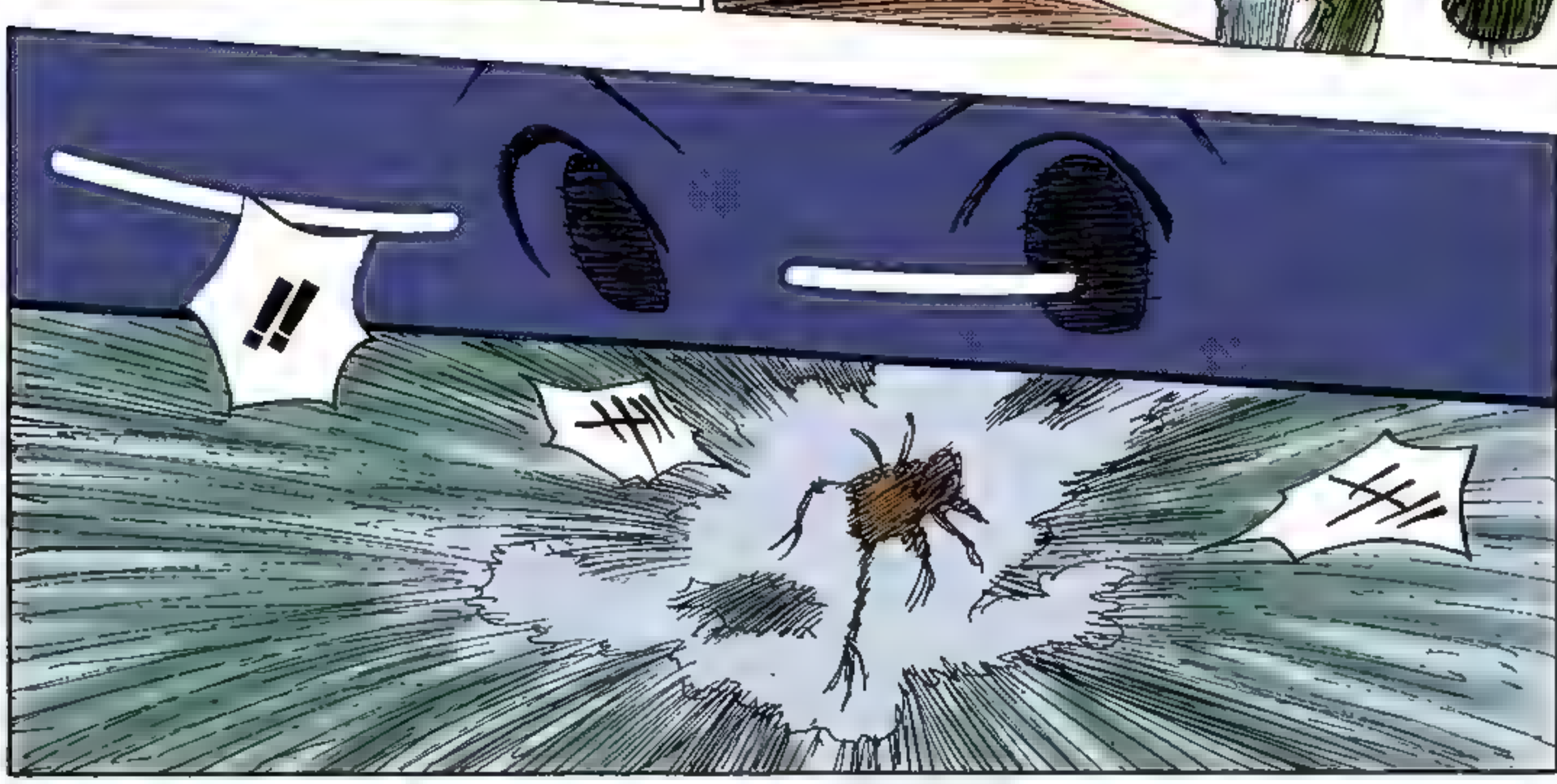



WHICH WAY DID IT GO?
IT RAN INTO THE WOODS.


GOT IT, LEAVE IT TO ME!
LEORIO, TAKE CARE OF THE INJURED MAN!!
WE HAVE TO SAVE HER!
SAVE HER ...
MY WIFE ...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THIS WAY !!

...EVEN THROUGH THE DARK FOREST.

HE CAN FOLLOW IT'S FAINT SHADOW...

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HE'S IMPRESSIVE...!

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KIRIKO, LET HER GO!!
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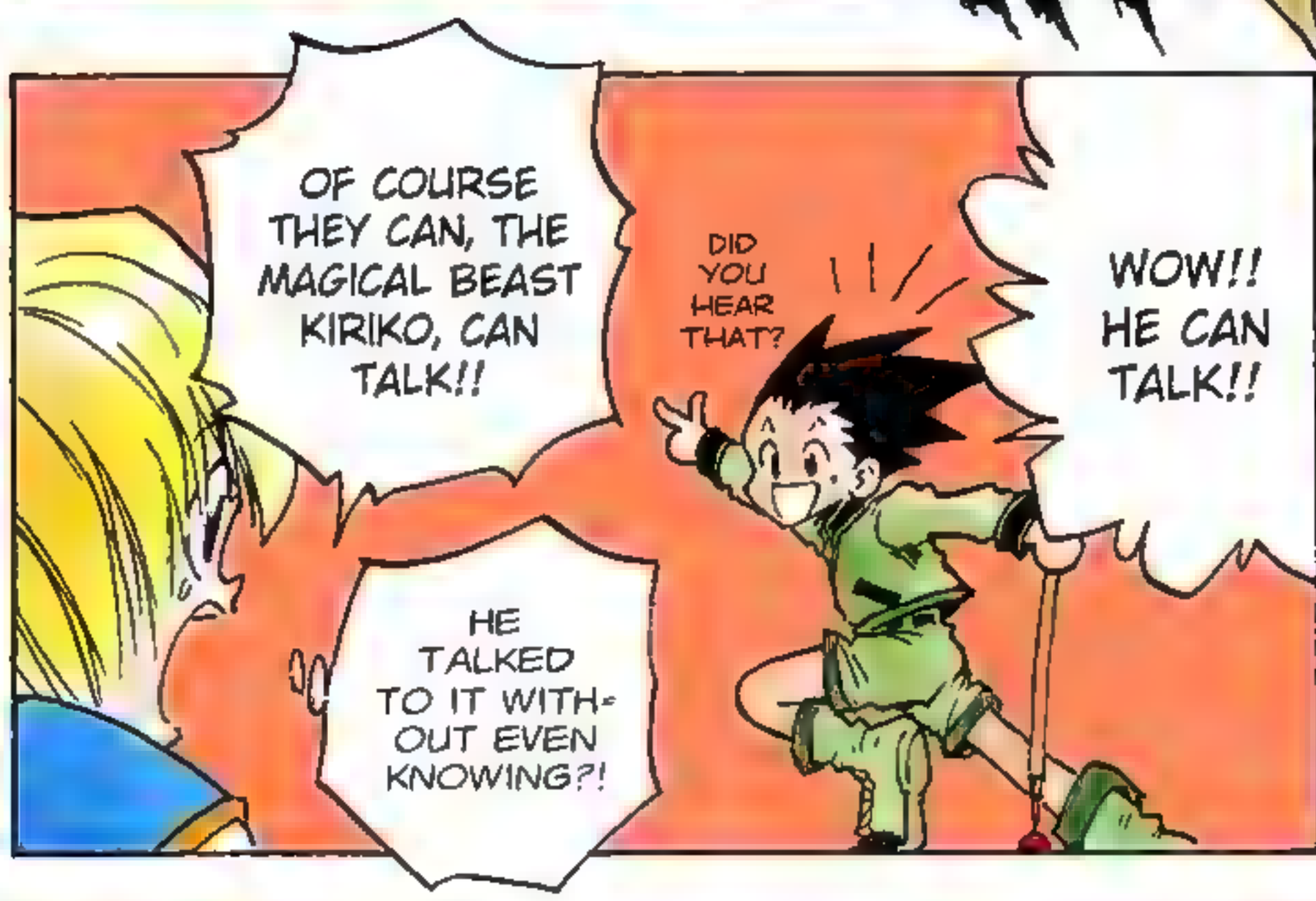
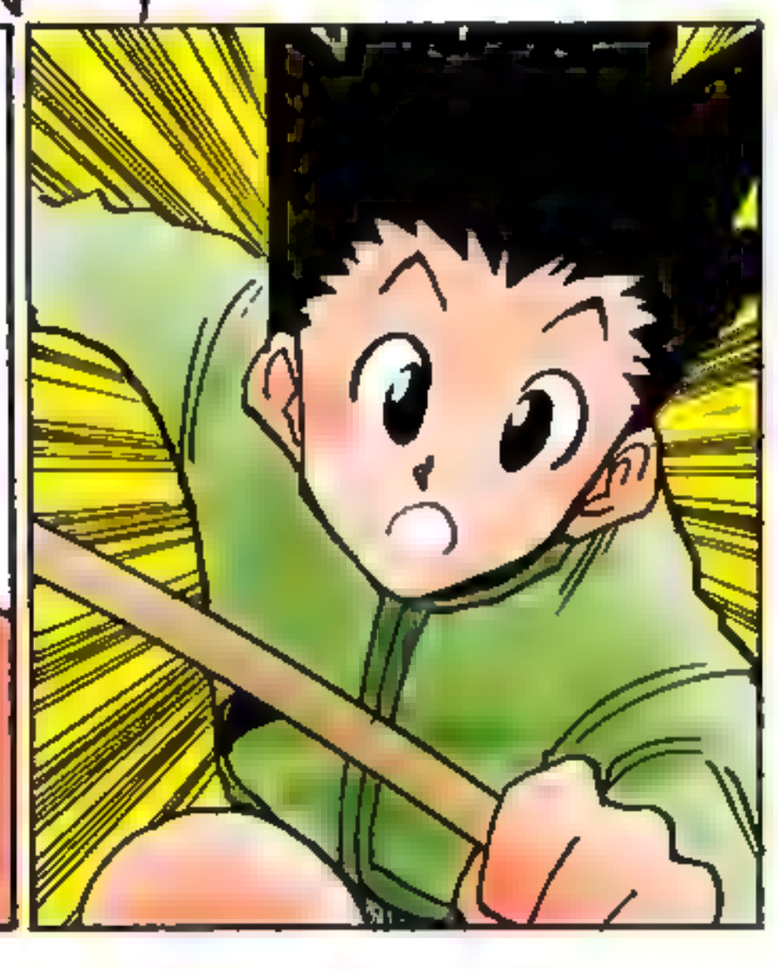
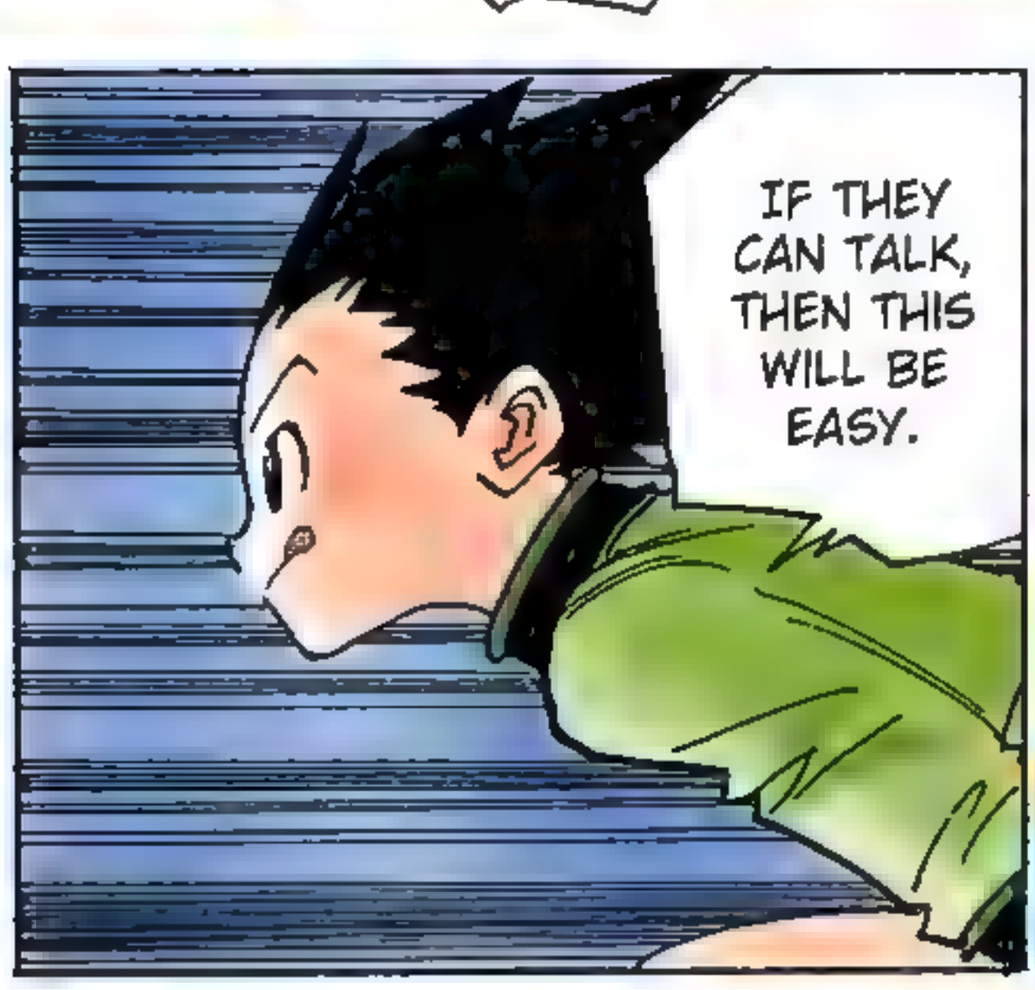
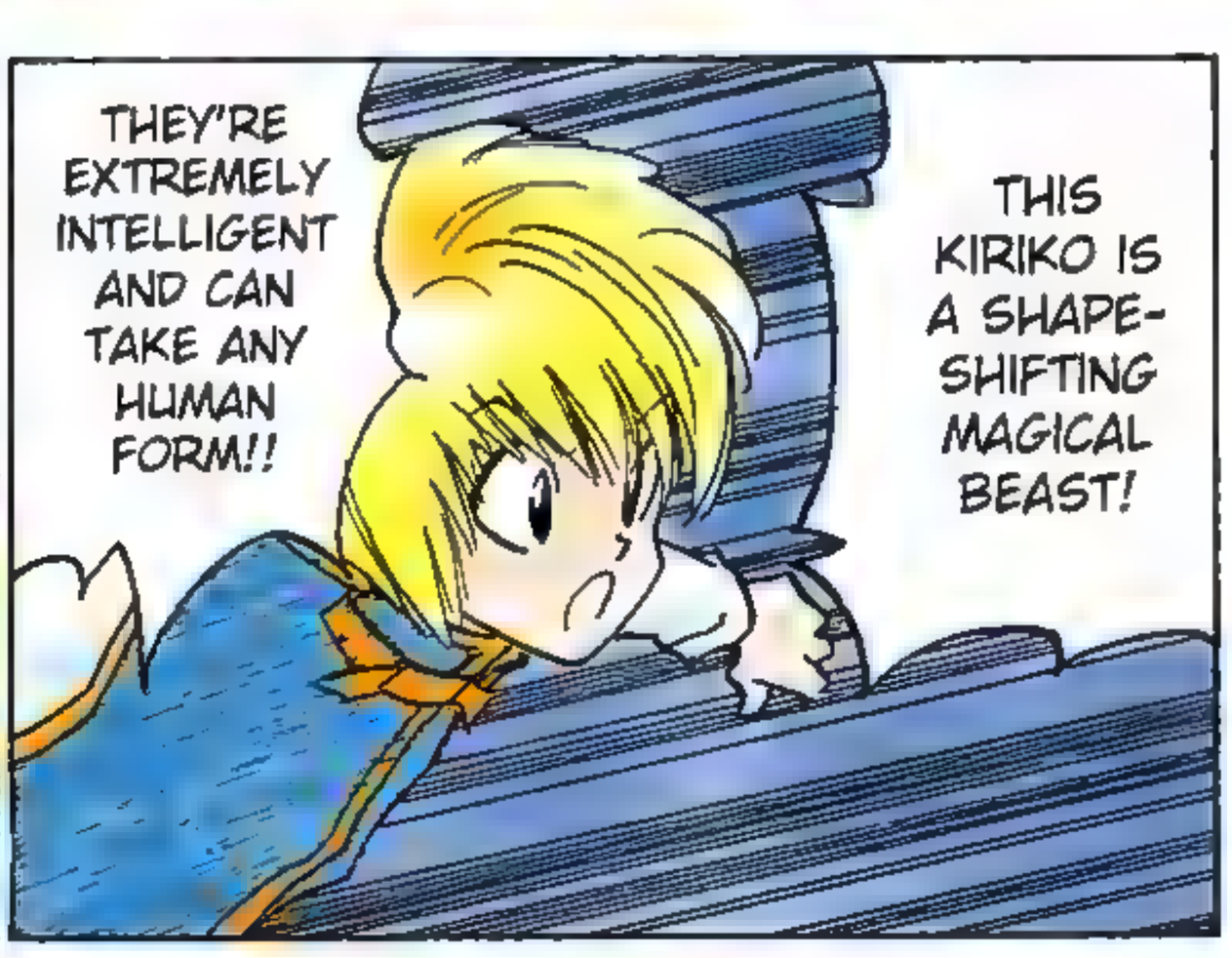
COME AND GET HER, IF YOU CAN!! KEKE!!









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HEY, YOU STUPID KIRIKO!!
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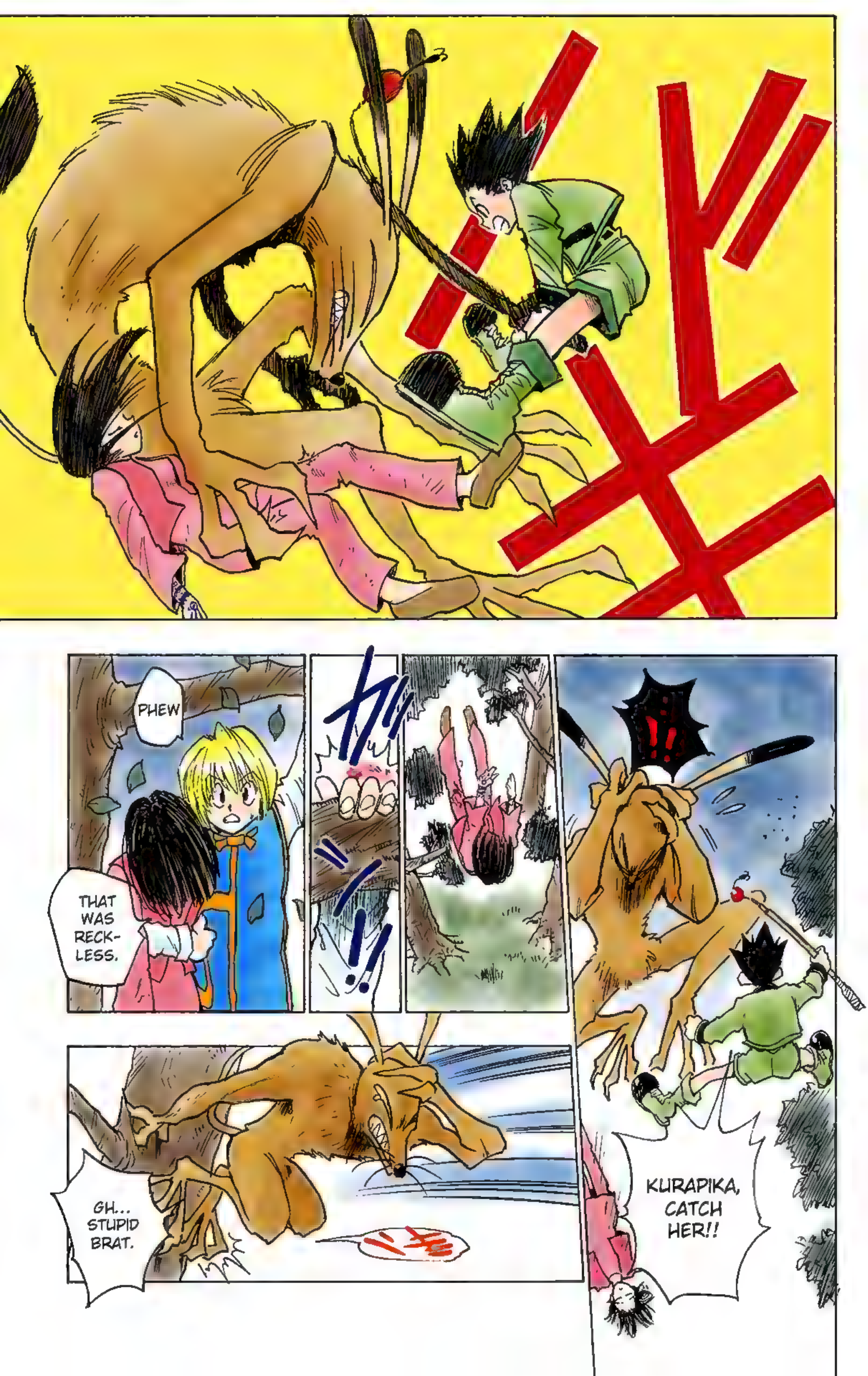
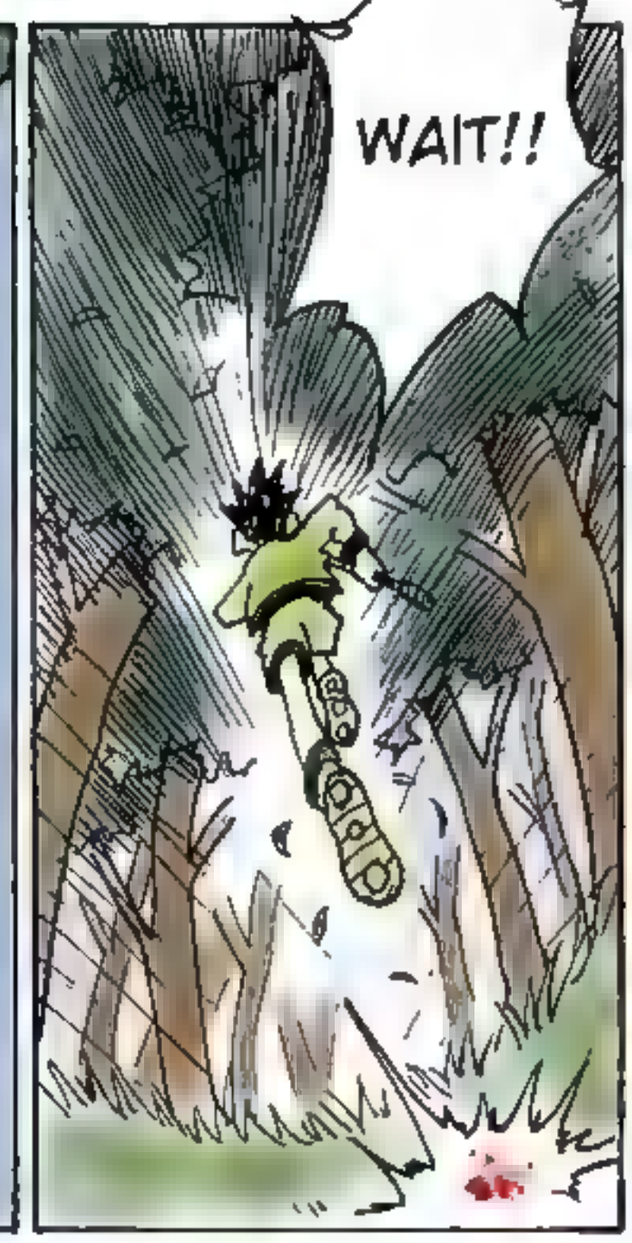
FAST !!
HE'S ...


PHEW
THAT WAS RECK-LESS.
KURAPIKA, CATCH HER!!
GH... STUPID BRAT.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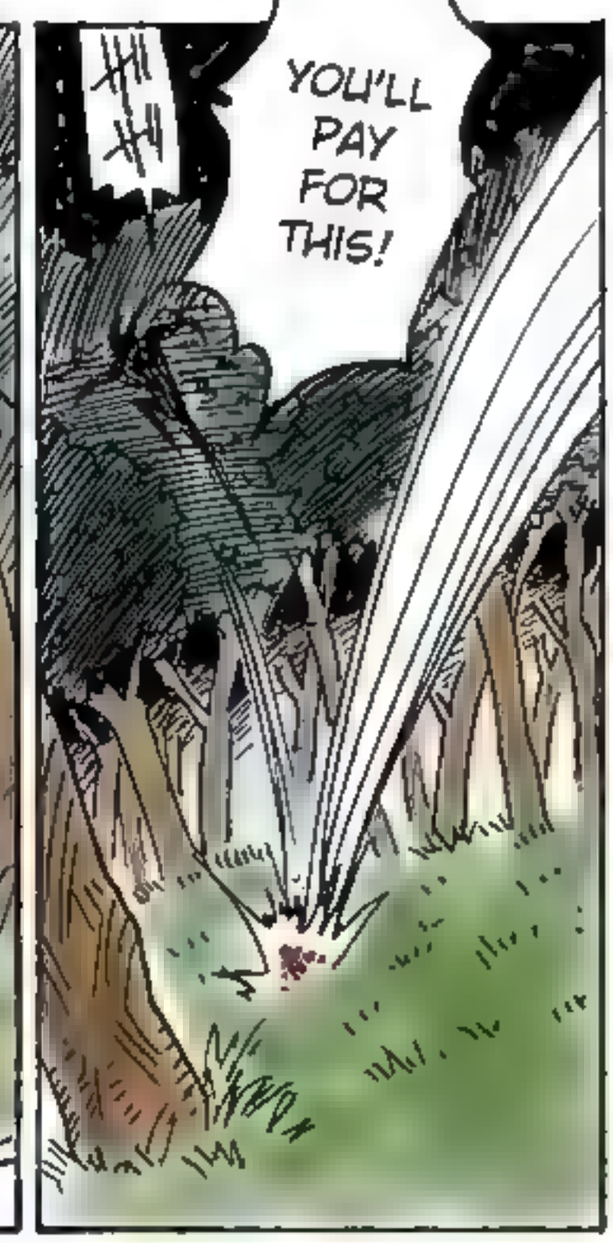
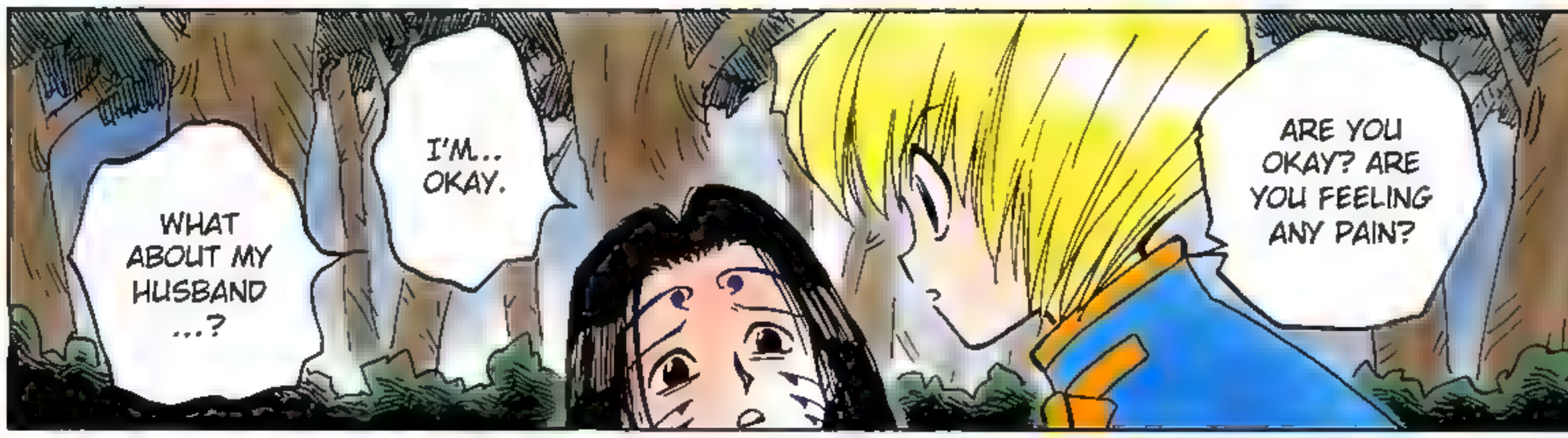
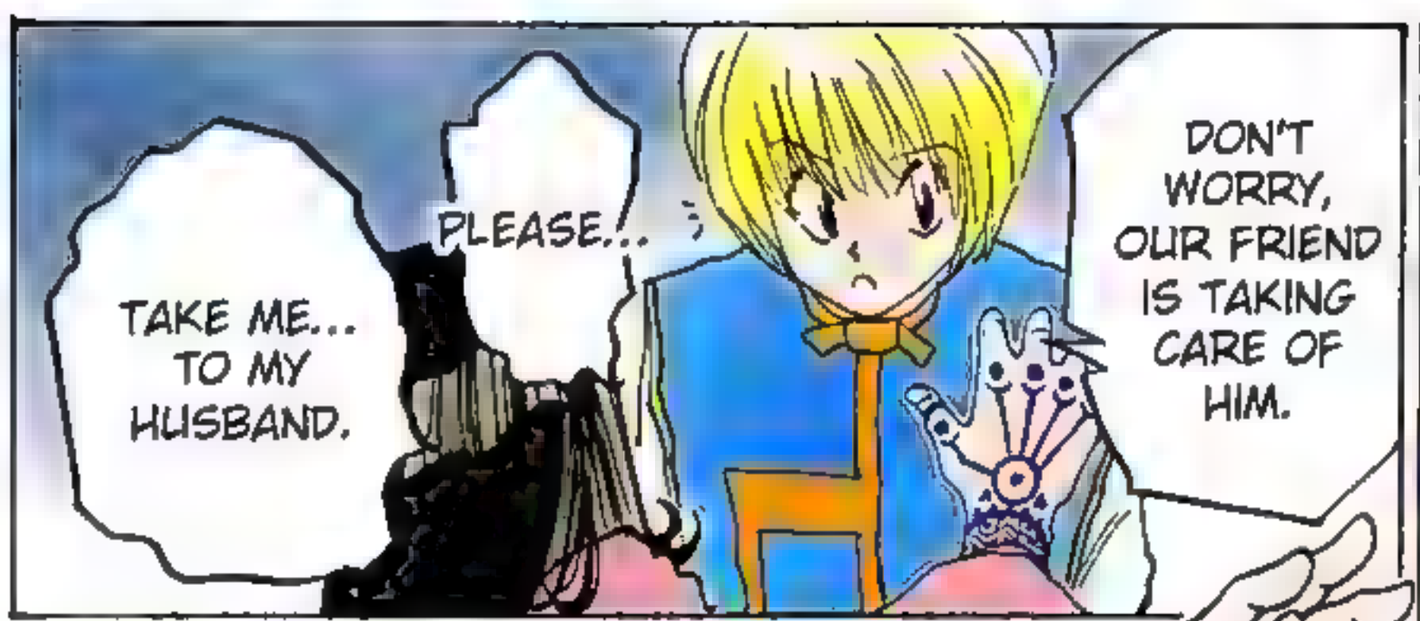
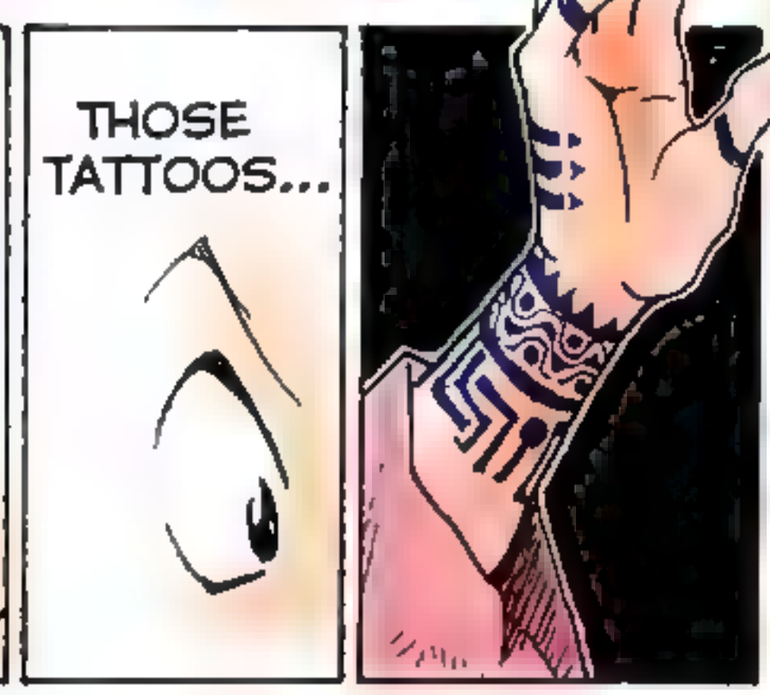

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!


WHAT ABOUT MY HUSBAND ...?
I'M.. OKAY.
ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU FEELING ANY PAIN?


TAKE ME... TO MY HUSBAND.
PLEASE...
DON'T WORRY, OUR FRIEND IS TAKING CARE OF HIM.

IS HE ALRIGHT...?

!?
YOU'RE ...


THOSE TATTOOS...

HE'S FINE, NO NEED TO WORRY.
HOW'S THE MAN DOING?

...YEAH. GON WENT AFTER THE KIRIKO.
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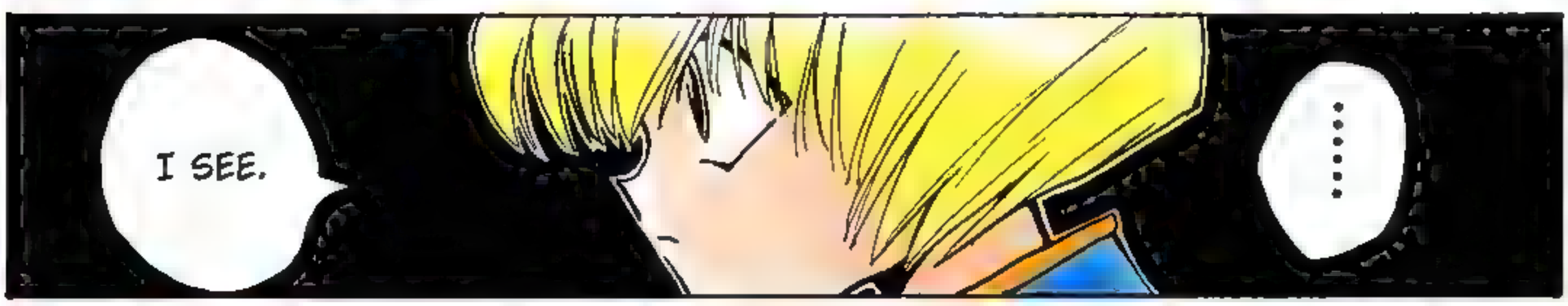
KURA-PIKA, YOU OKAY?

I GAVE HIM SOME PAINKILLERS, AND HE'S SOUND ASLEEP IN THE CABIN.
HIS WOUNDS WEREN'T AS SERIOUS AS THEY SEEMED.


I SEE.
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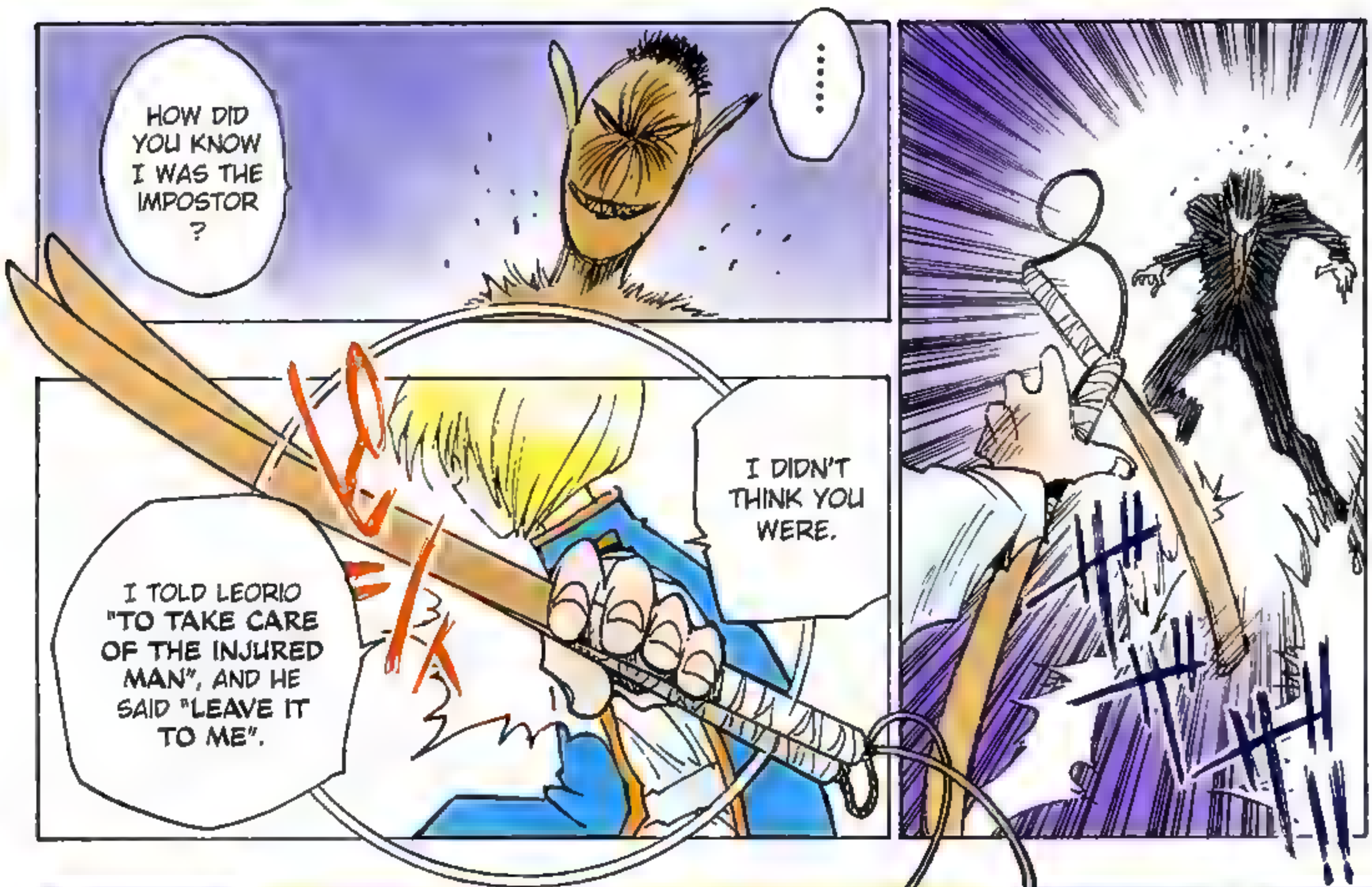
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS THE IMPOSTOR ?
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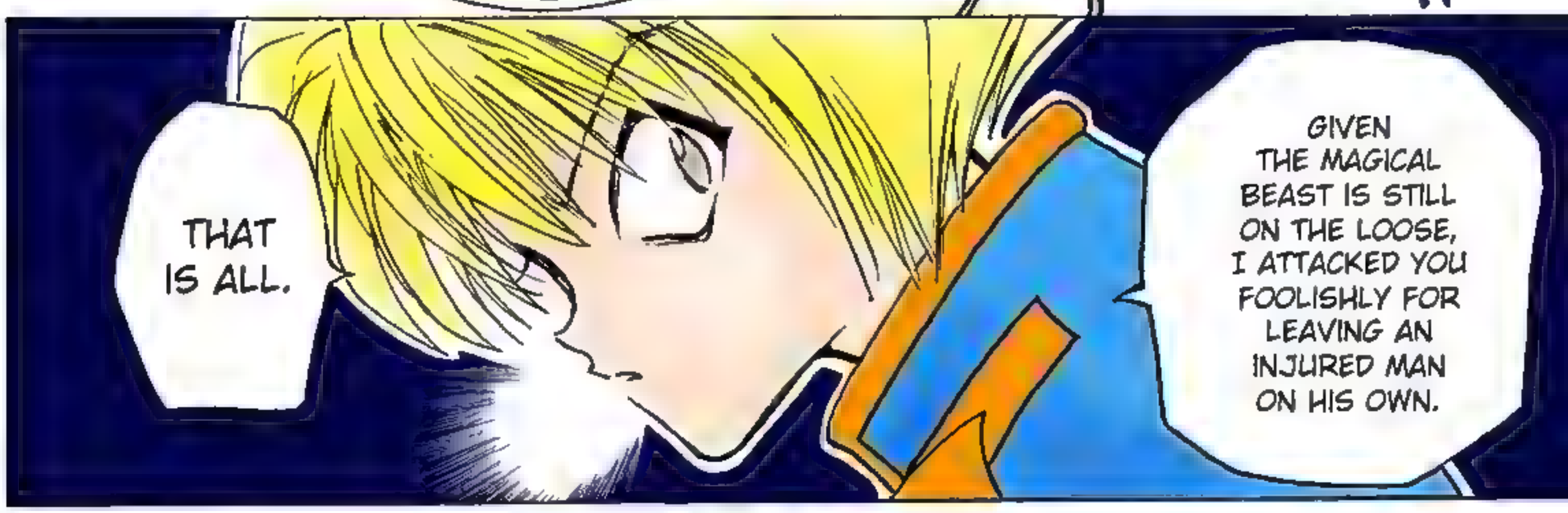
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE.
I TOLD LEORIO "TO TAKE CARE OF THE INJURED MAN", AND HE SAID "LEAVE IT TO ME".


GIVEN THE MAGICAL BEAST IS STILL ON THE LOOSE, I ATTACKED YOU FOOLISHLY FOR LEAVING AN INJURED MAN ON HIS OWN.
THAT IS ALL.

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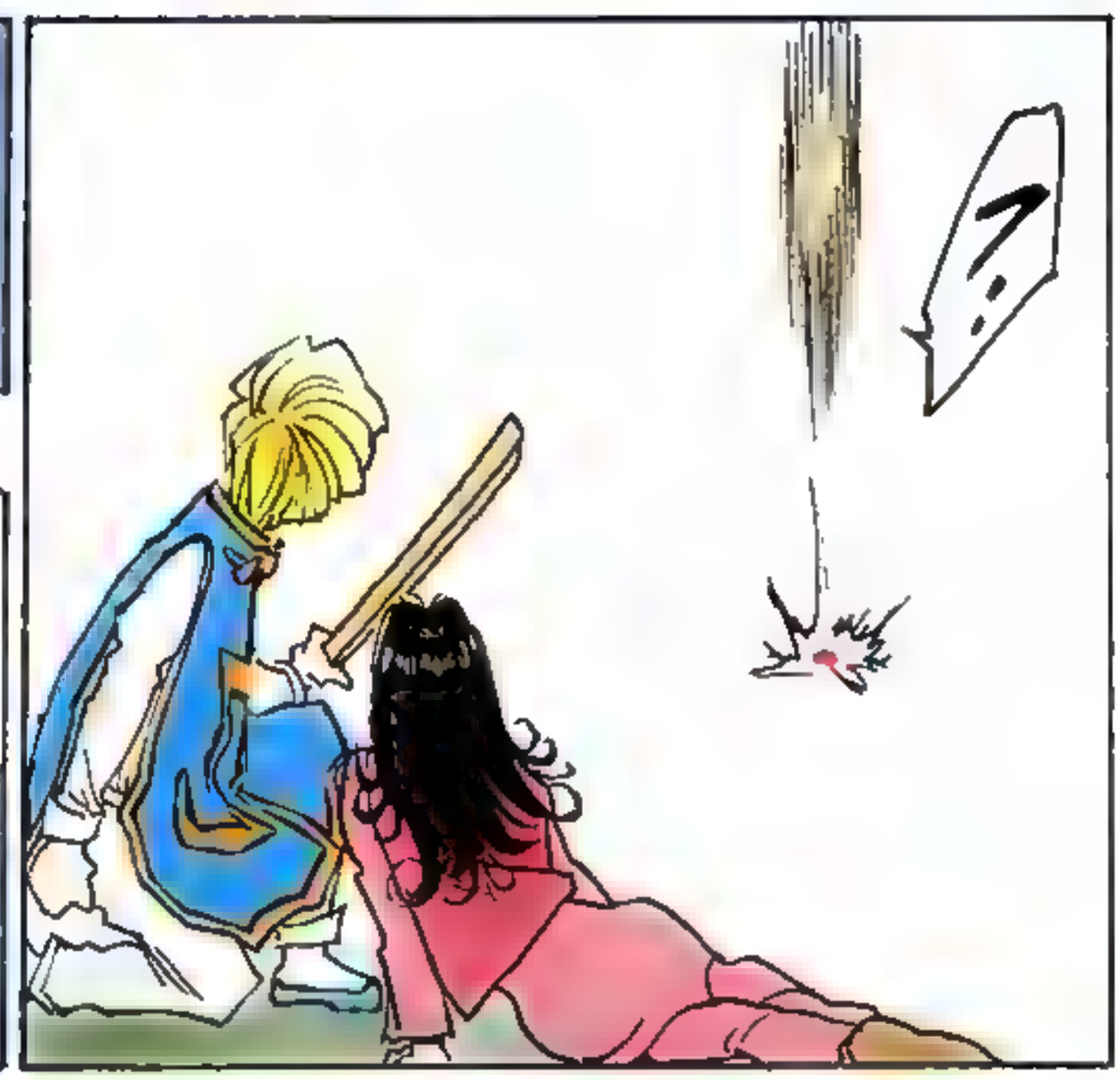
LET ME ASK YOU ONE THING.
NOW THEN ...



WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU?

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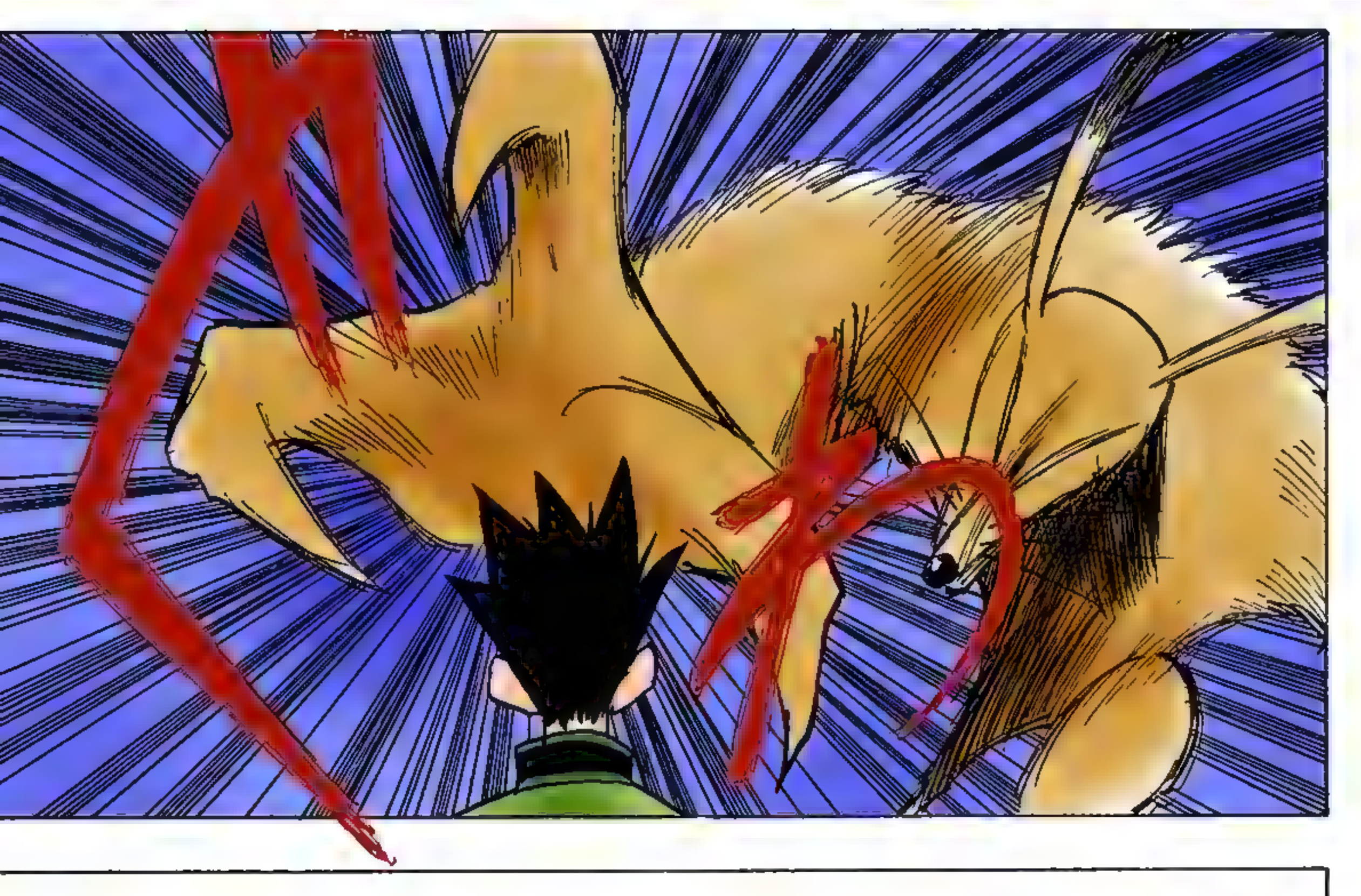
DIDN'T EXPECT YOU'D LAND A HIT ON ME.

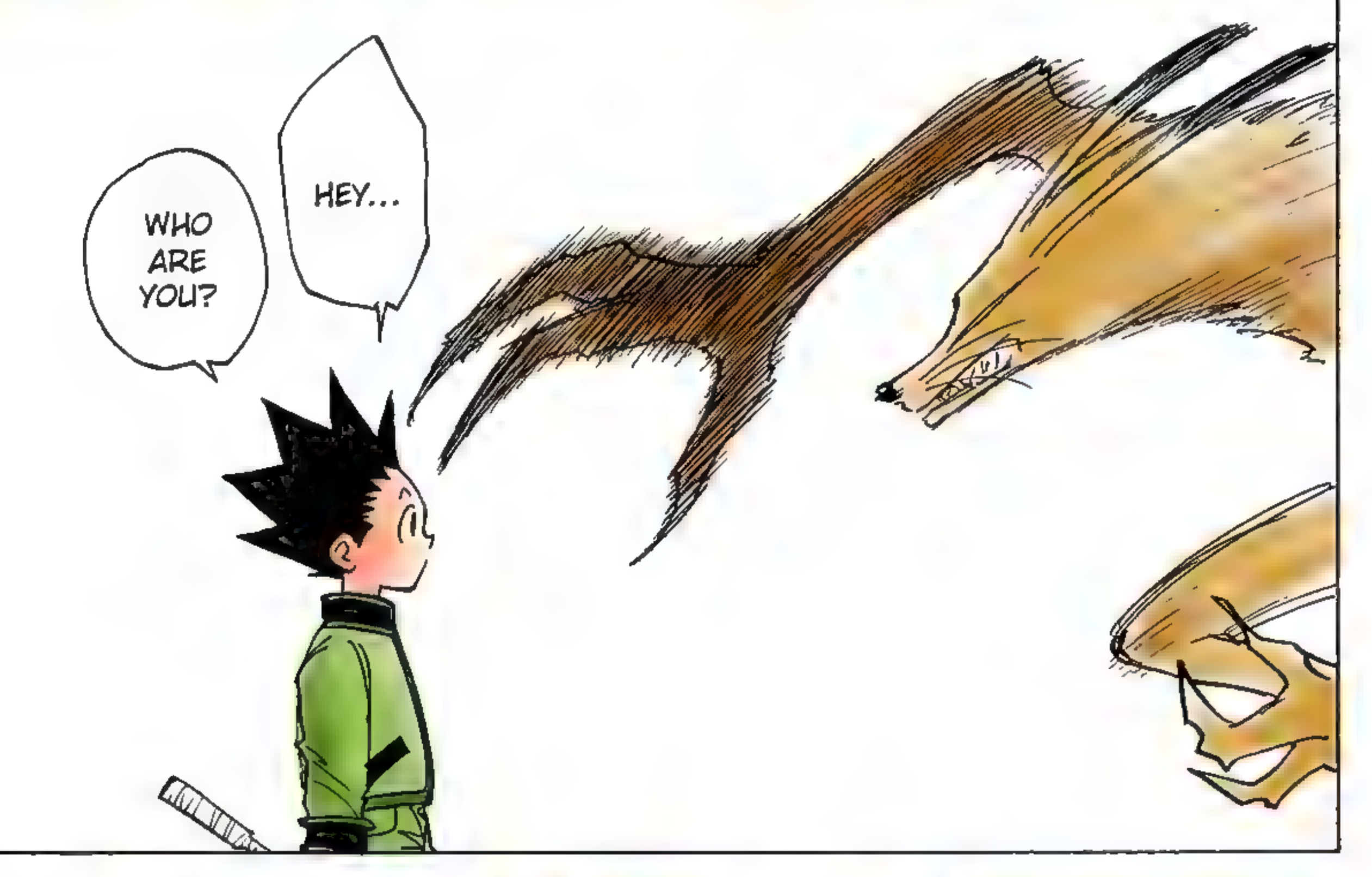
FOR A KID, YOU'RE PRETTY QUICK.

IS GOING TO COST YOU!!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH THAT HIT...

BUT ...




WHO ARE YOU?
HEY...

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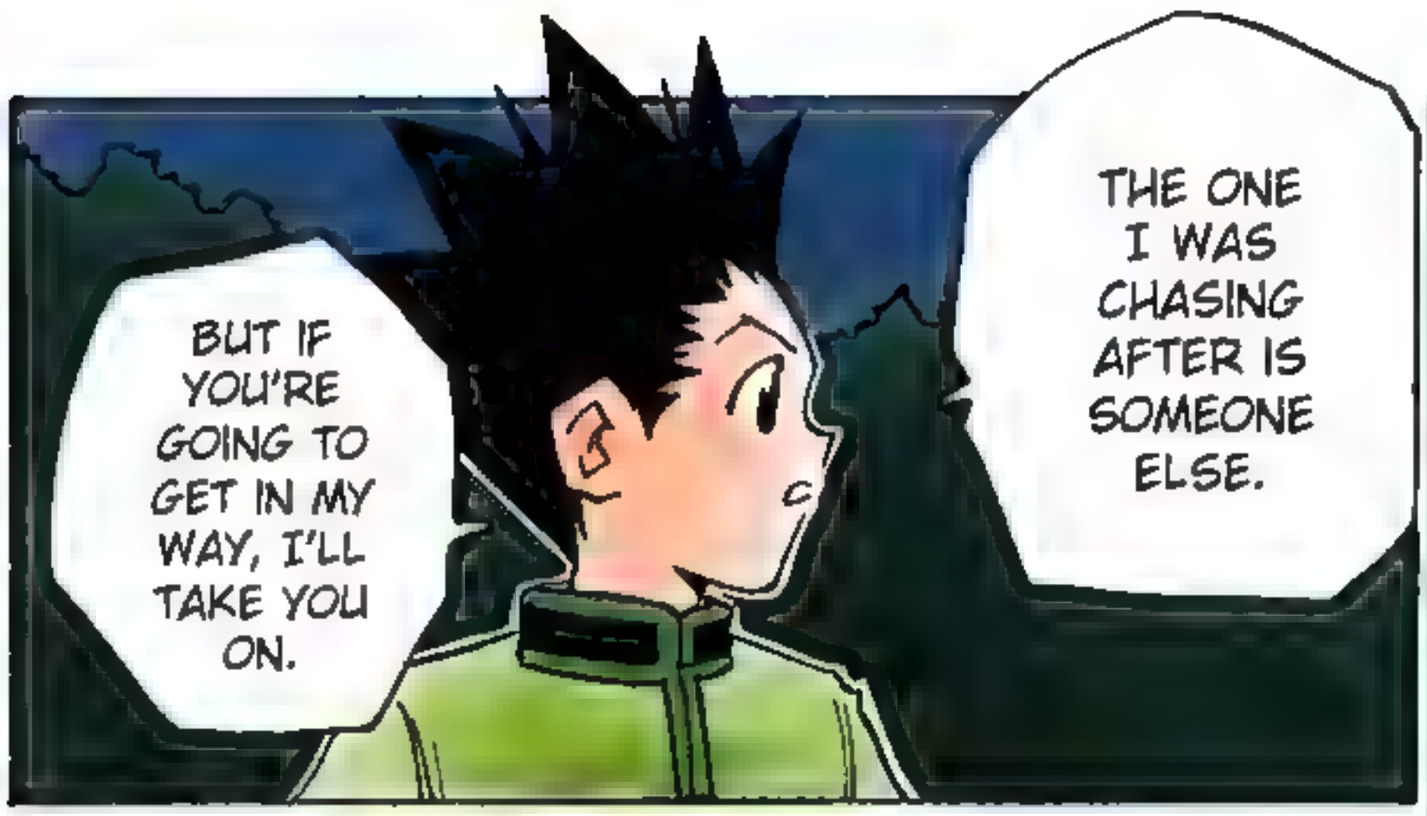
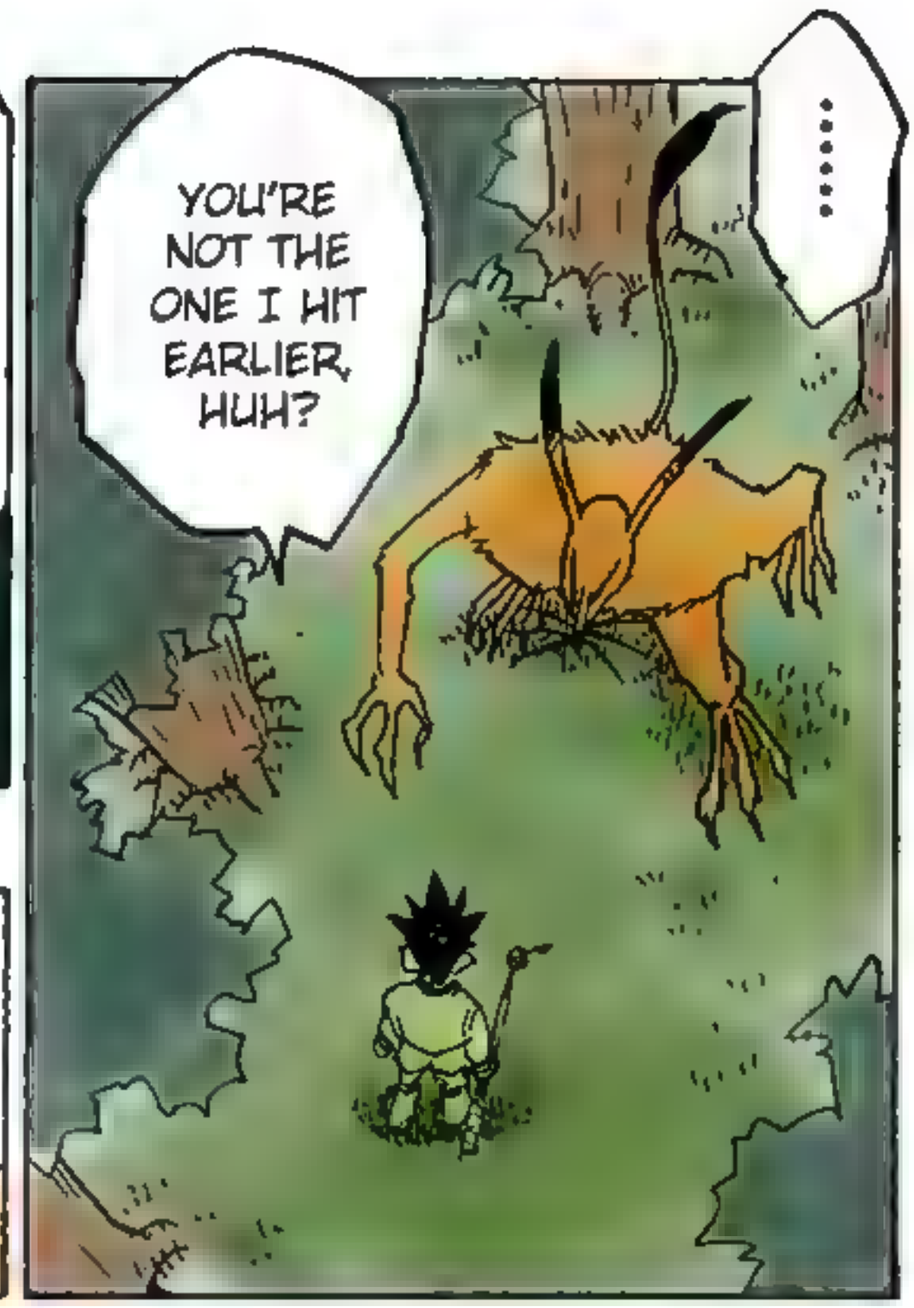

BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN MY WAY, I'LL TAKE YOU ON.
THE ONE I WAS CHASING AFTER IS SOMEONE ELSE.


YOU'RE NOT THE ONE I HIT EARLIER, HUH?
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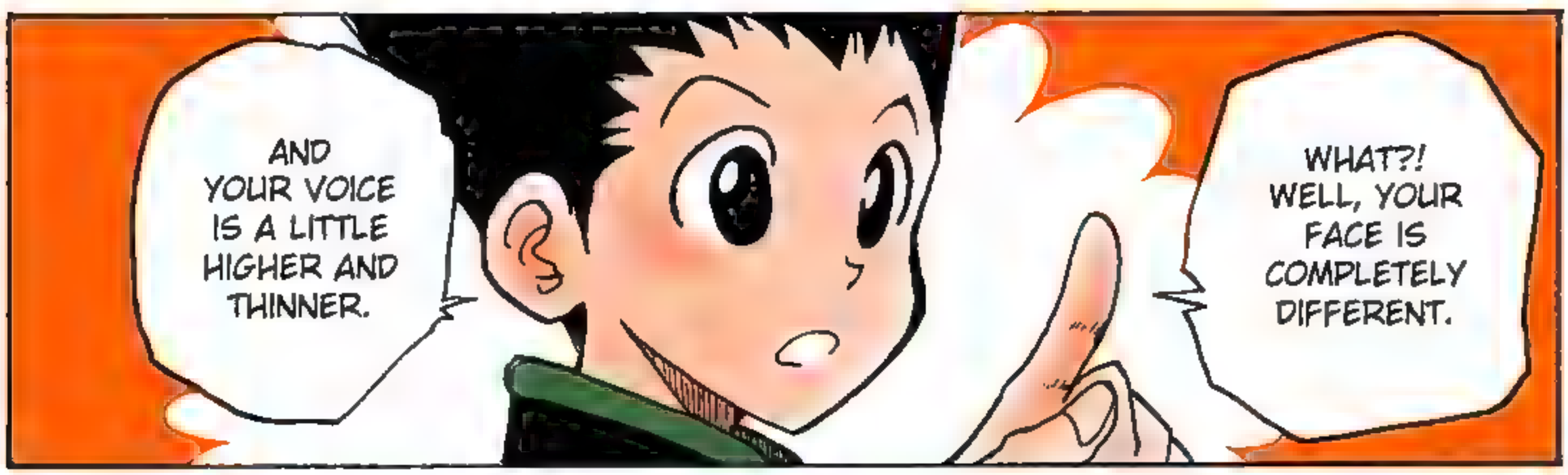
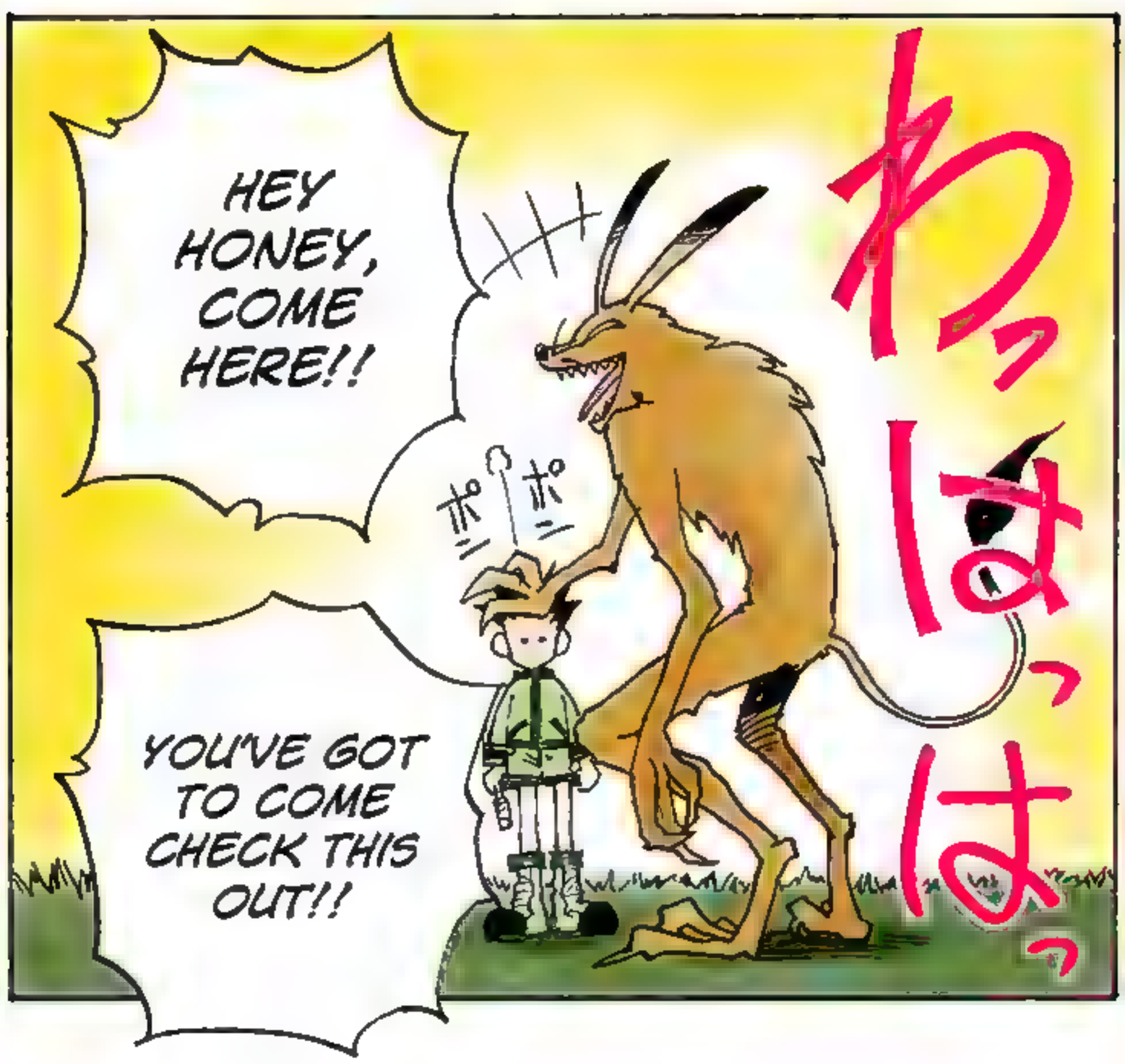
...CAN YOU TELL THAT I'M NOT THE ONE FROM EARLIER?
HOW...


AND YOUR VOICE IS A LITTLE HIGHER AND THINNER.
WHAT?! WELL, YOUR FACE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.


HEY HONEY, COME HERE!!
YOU'VE GOT TO COME CHECK THIS OUT!!
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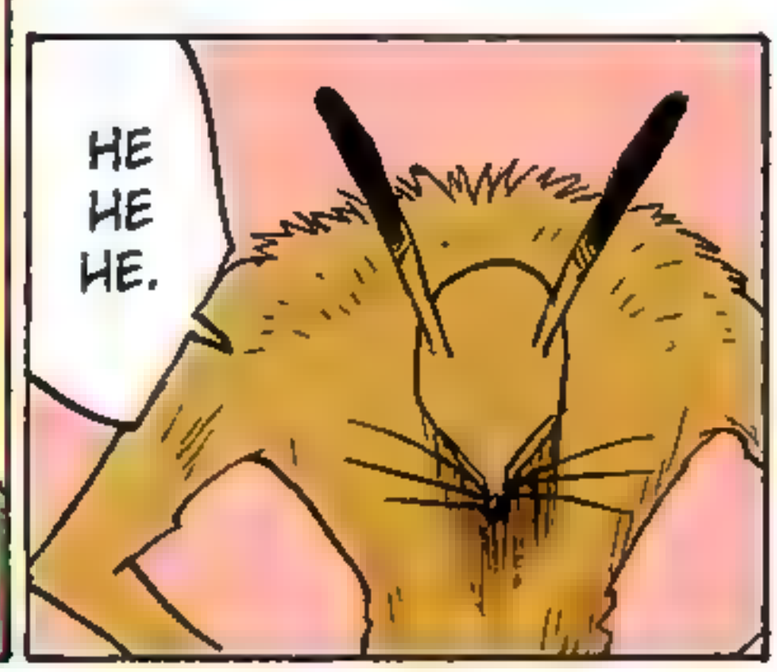
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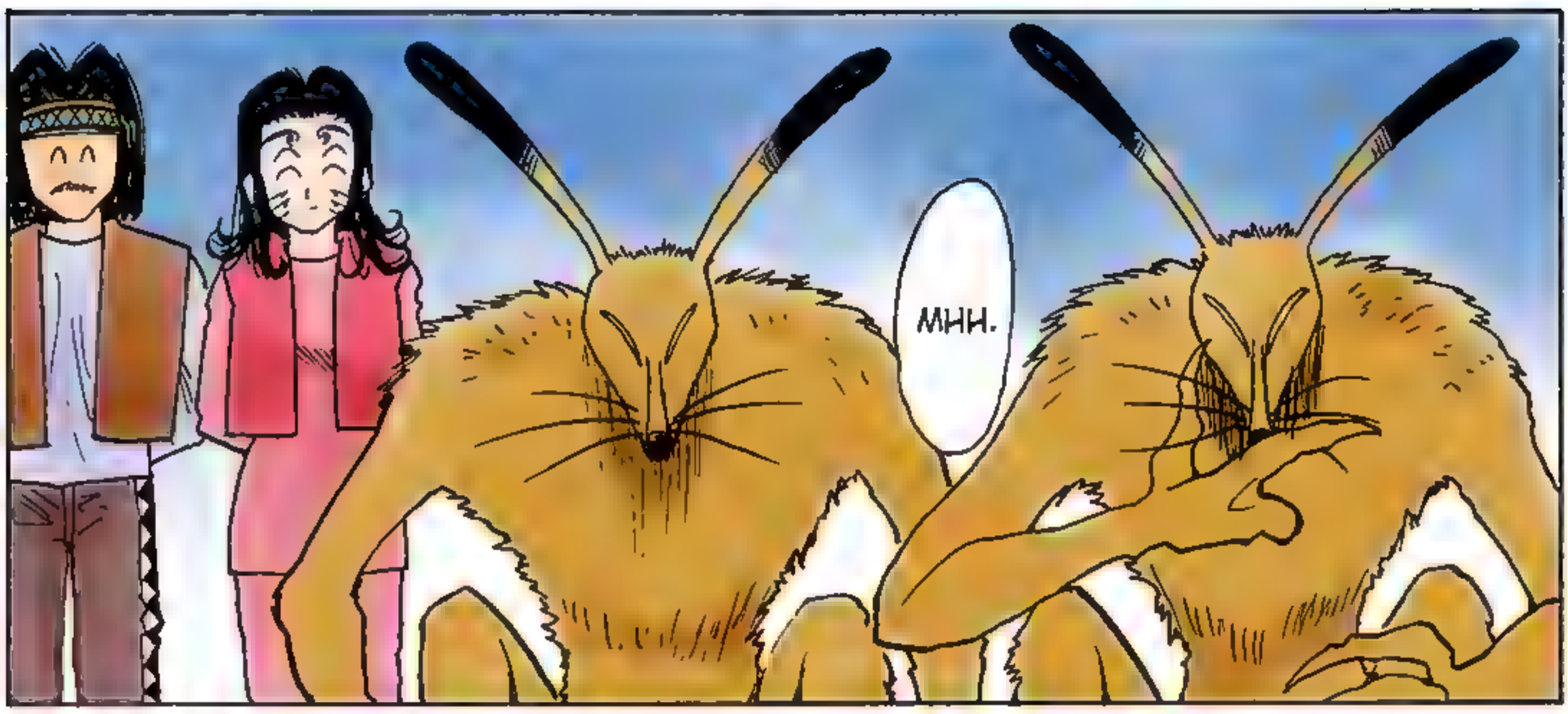
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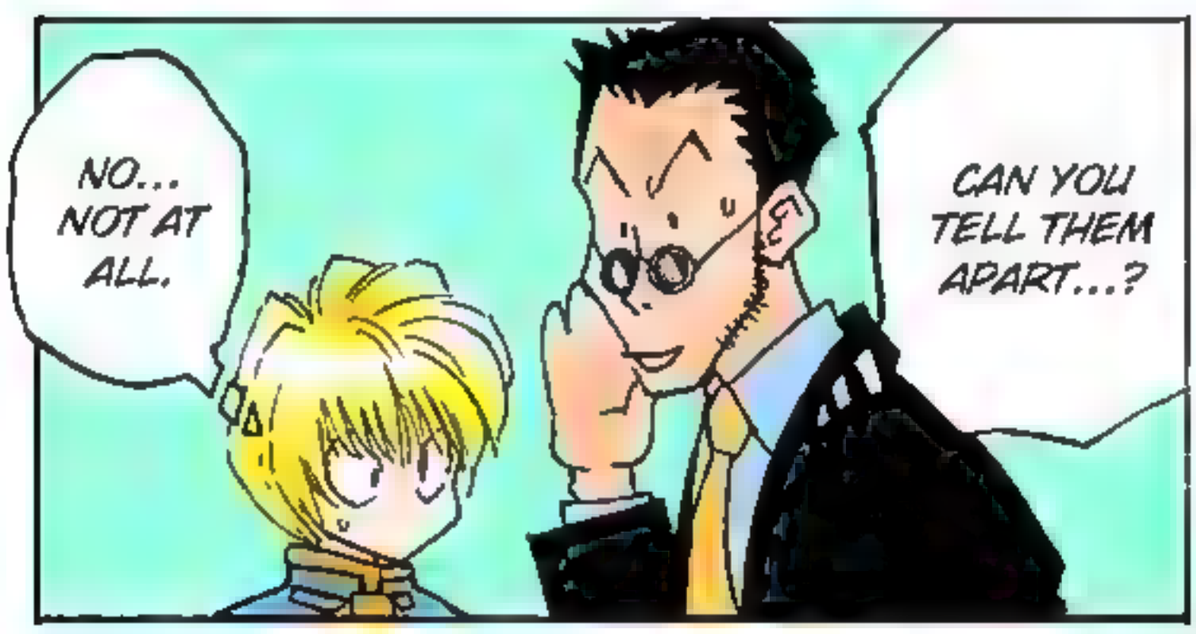
NO... NOT AT ALL.
CAN YOU TELL THEM APART...?

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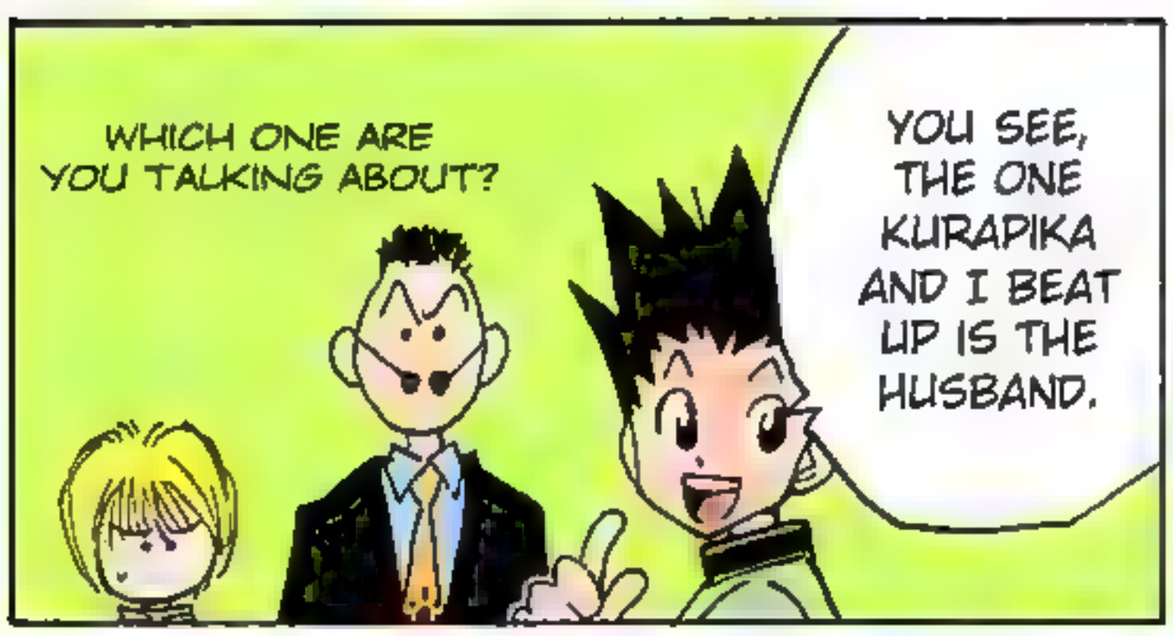
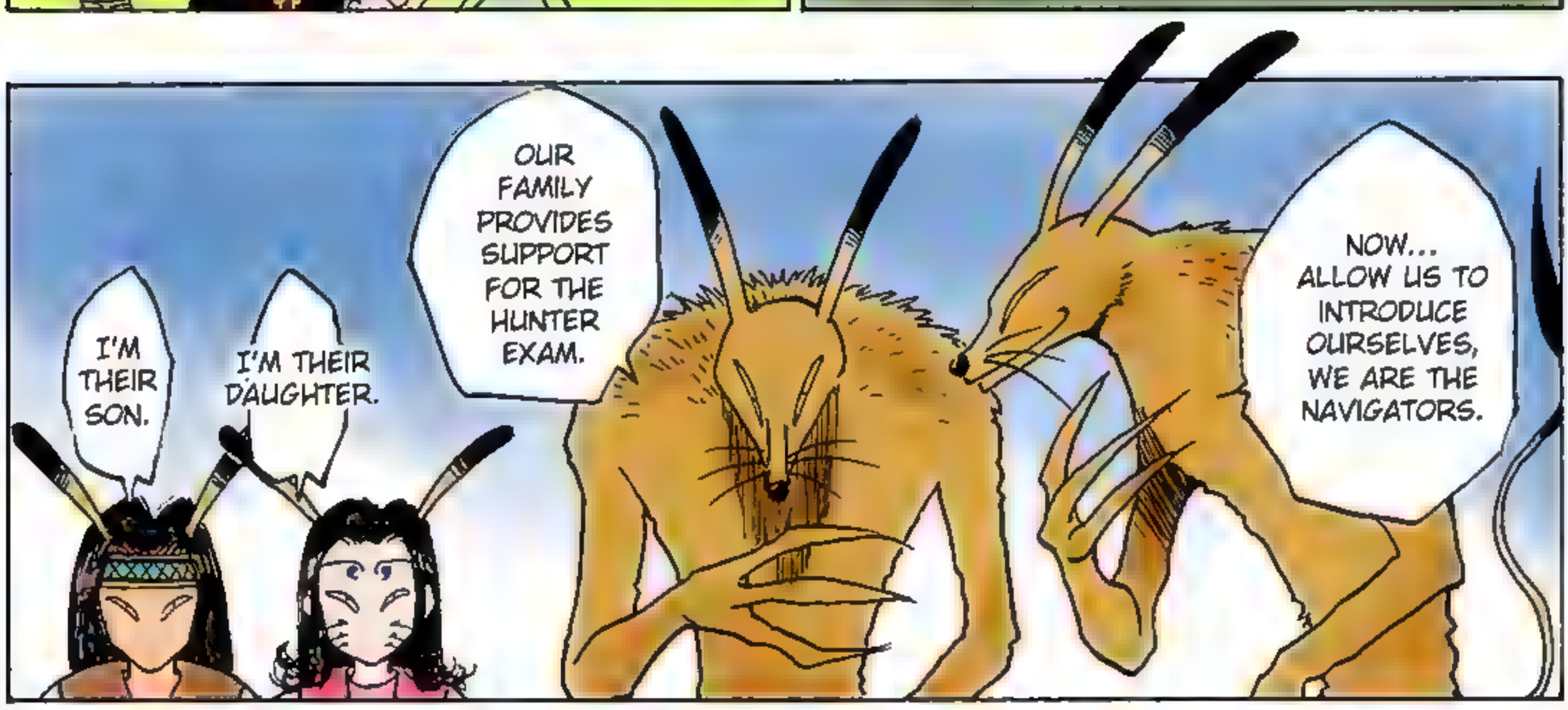
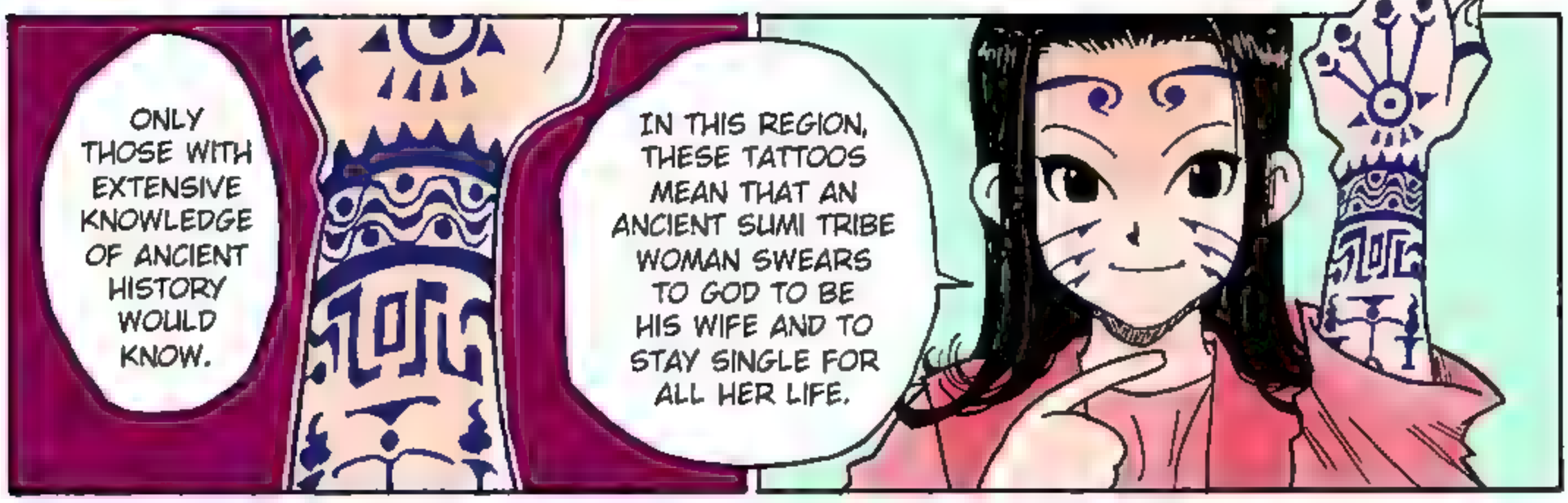
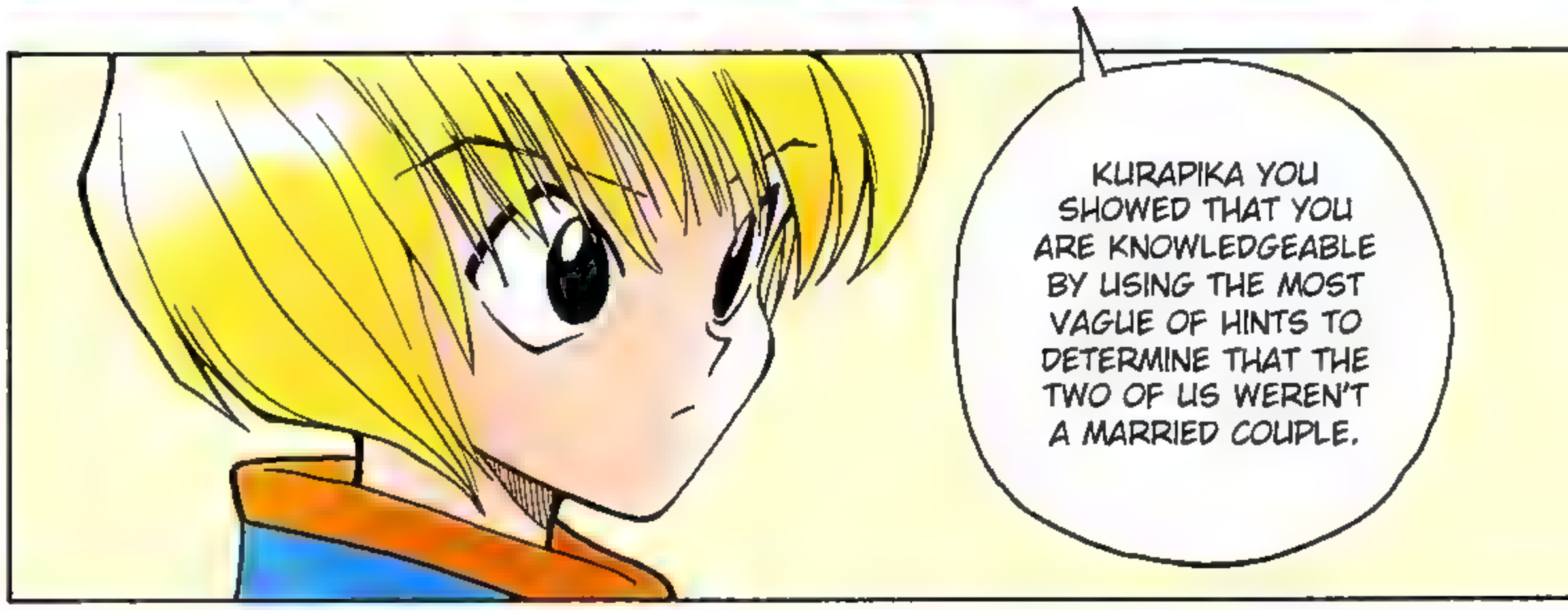
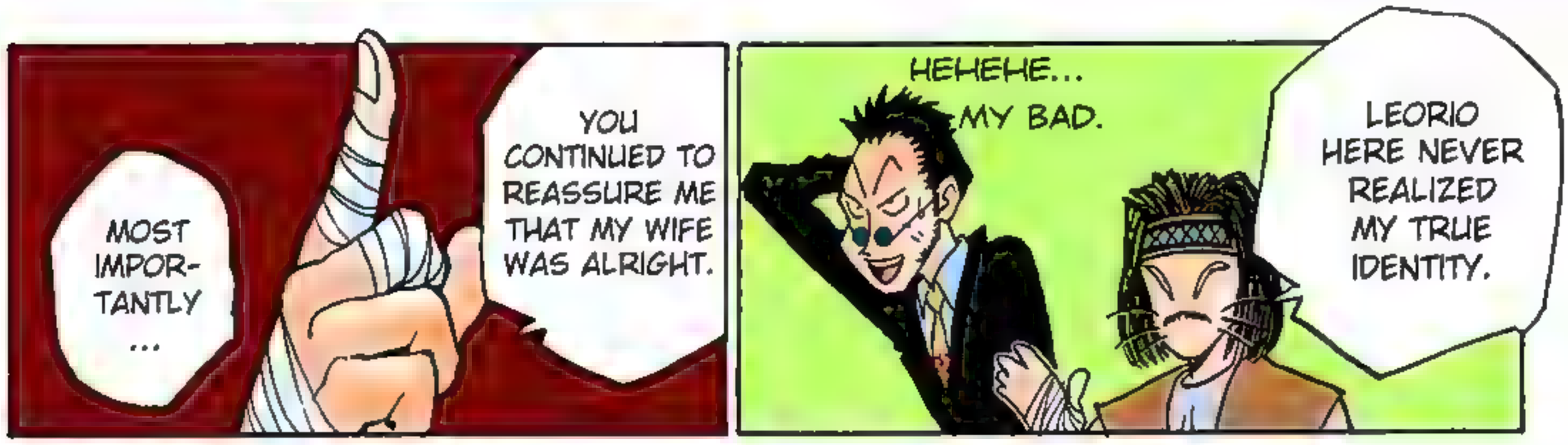
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE SOMEONE'S BEEN ABLE TO TELL US AGAIN...
IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY.

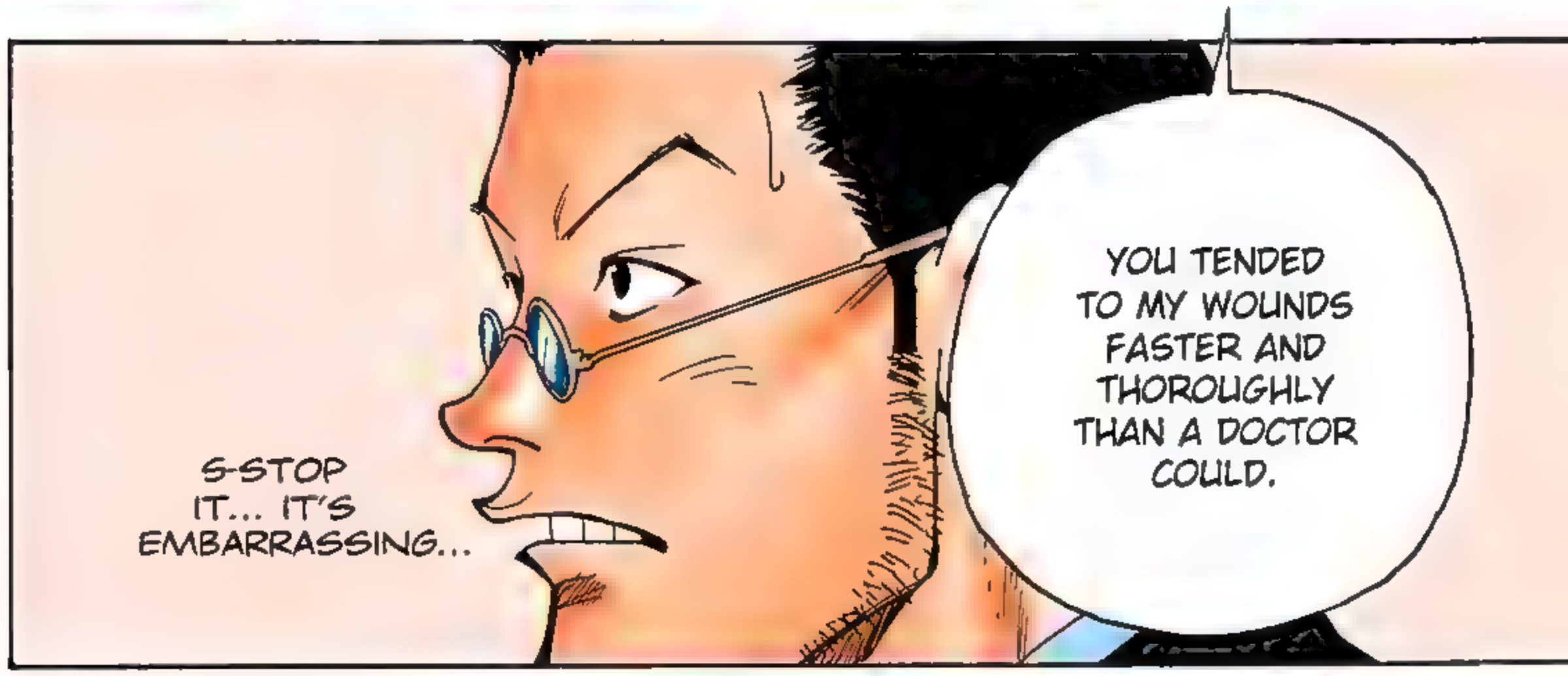

WHICH ONE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU SEE, THE ONE KURAPIKA AND I BEAT UP IS THE HUSBAND.


I'M THEIR SON.
I'M THEIR DAUGHTER.
OUR FAMILY PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR THE HUNTER EXAM.
NOW... ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES, WE ARE THE NAVIGATORS.


ONLY THOSE WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ANCIENT HISTORY WOULD KNOW.
IN THIS REGION, THESE TATTOOS MEAN THAT AN ANCIENT SUMI TRIBE WOMAN SWEARS TO GOD TO BE HIS WIFE AND TO STAY SINGLE FOR ALL HER LIFE.

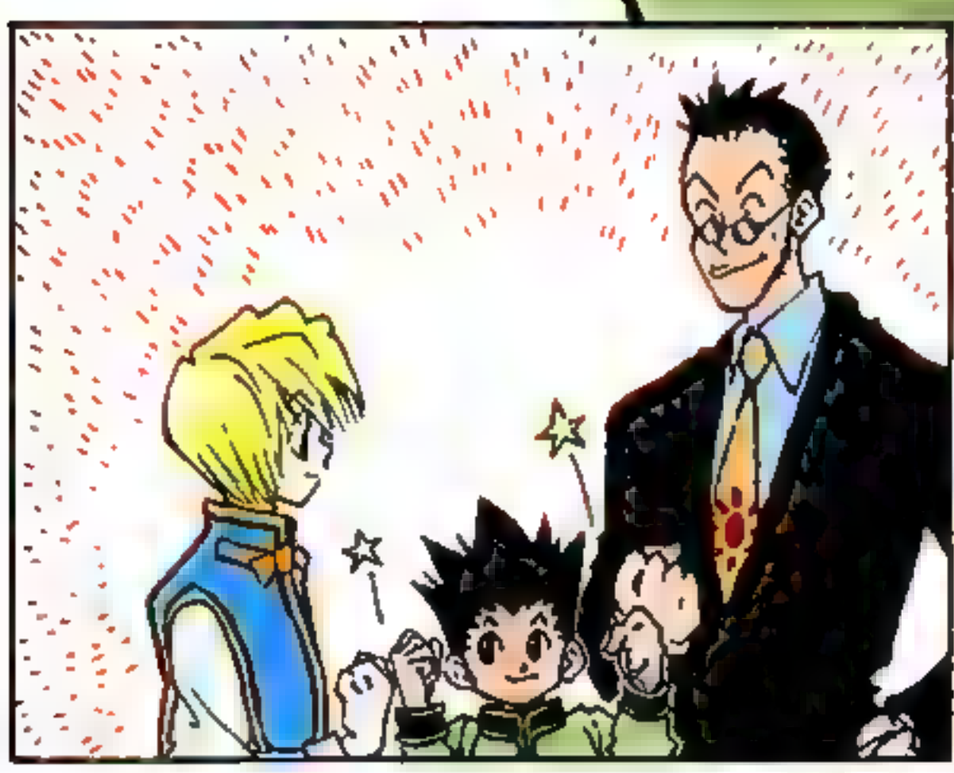

KURAPIKA YOU SHOWED THAT YOU ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE BY USING THE MOST VAGUE OF HINTS TO DETERMINE THAT THE TWO OF US WEREN'T A MARRIED COUPLE.

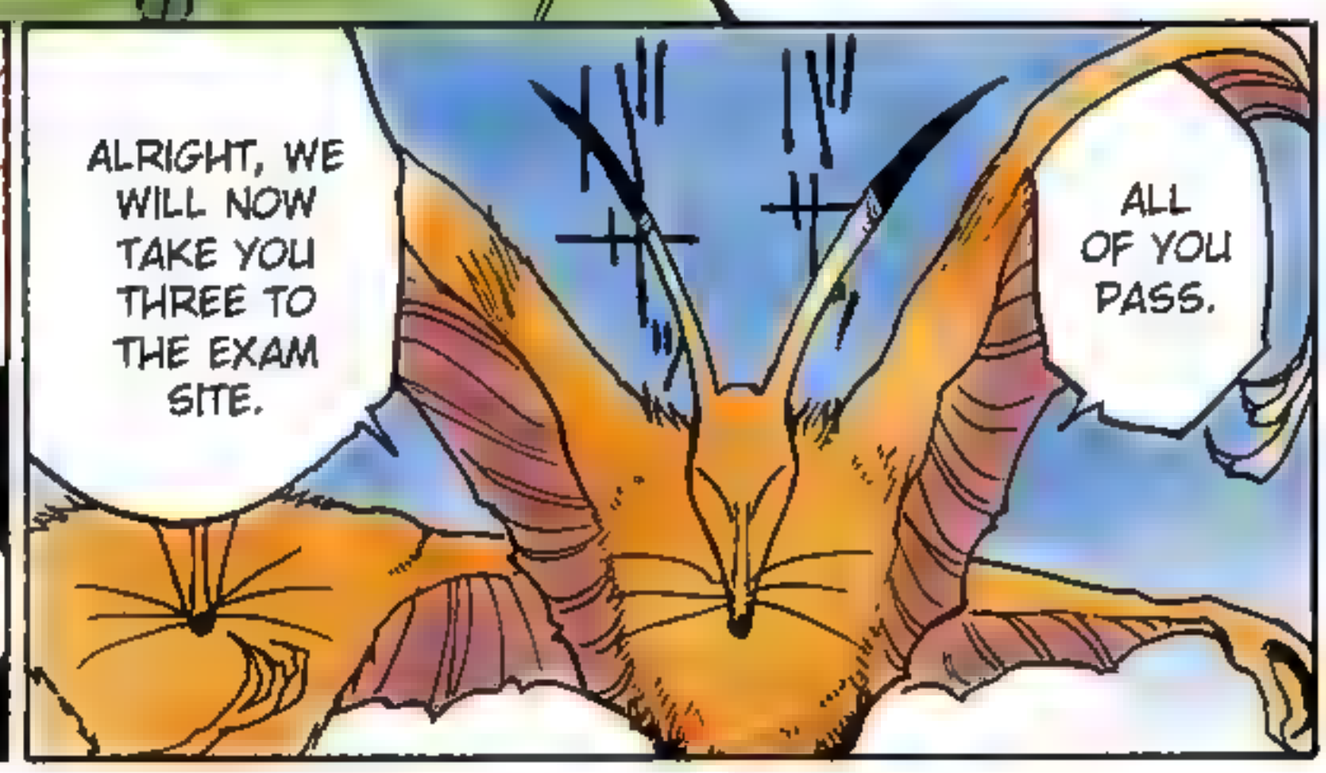

MOST IMPOR-TANTLY ...
YOU CONTINUED TO REASSURE ME THAT MY WIFE WAS ALRIGHT.
HEHEHE... MY BAD.
LEORIO HERE NEVER REALIZED MY TRUE IDENTITY.


S-STOP IT... IT'S EMBARRASSING...
YOU TENDED TO MY WOUNDS FASTER AND THOROUGHLY THAN A DOCTOR COULD.

HAHA... I STRUCK HIM WITH ALL MY STRENGTH.

AND FINALLY FOR GON, YOUR SUPERHUMAN PHYSICAL ABILITY AND PERCEPTION, MAKES YOU MORE THAN WORTHY TO TAKE THE HUNTER EXAM.





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THE FIRST PHASE BEGINS:
PART 1

ZABAN CITY

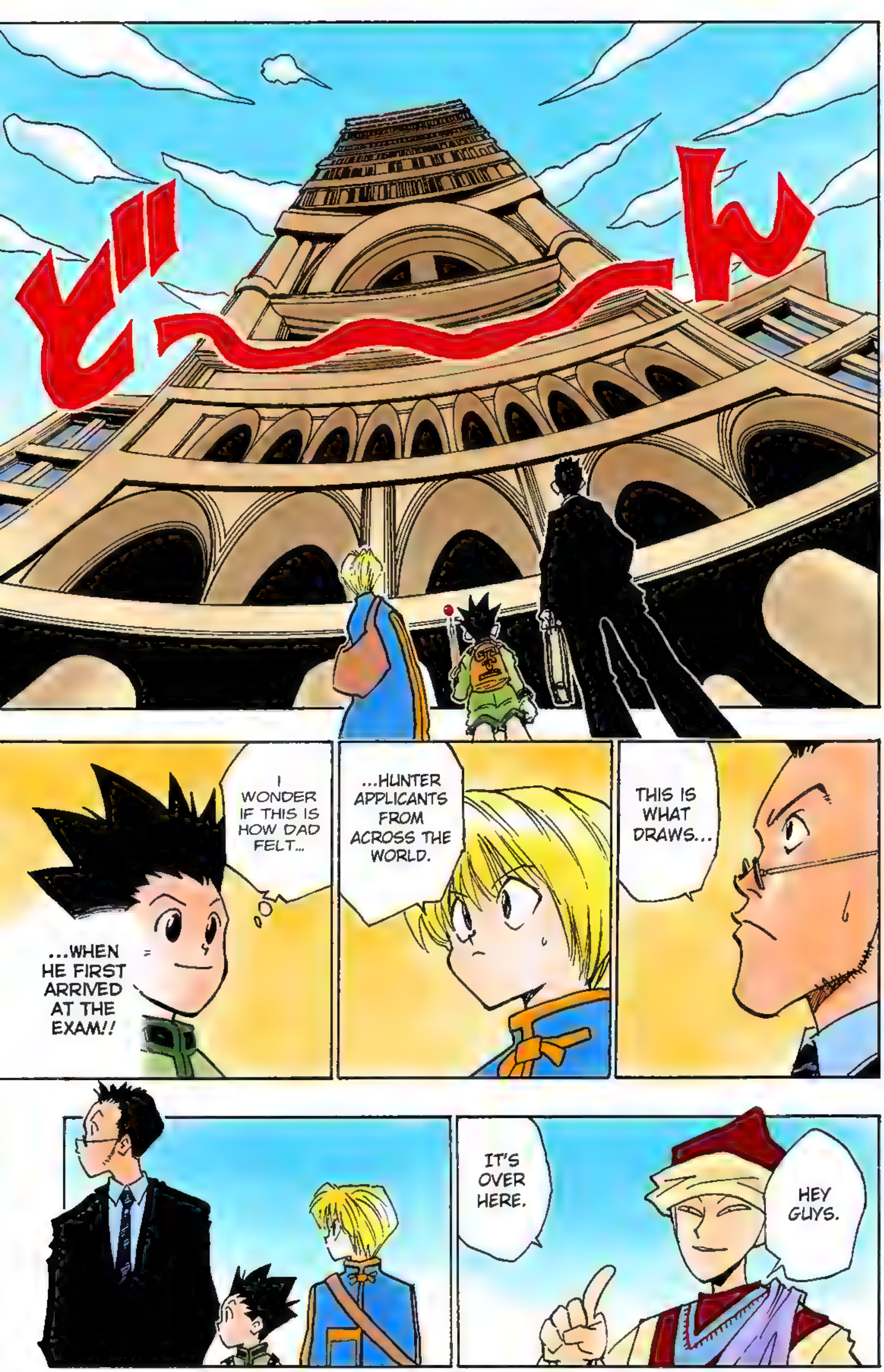
THAT'S THE BUILDING.

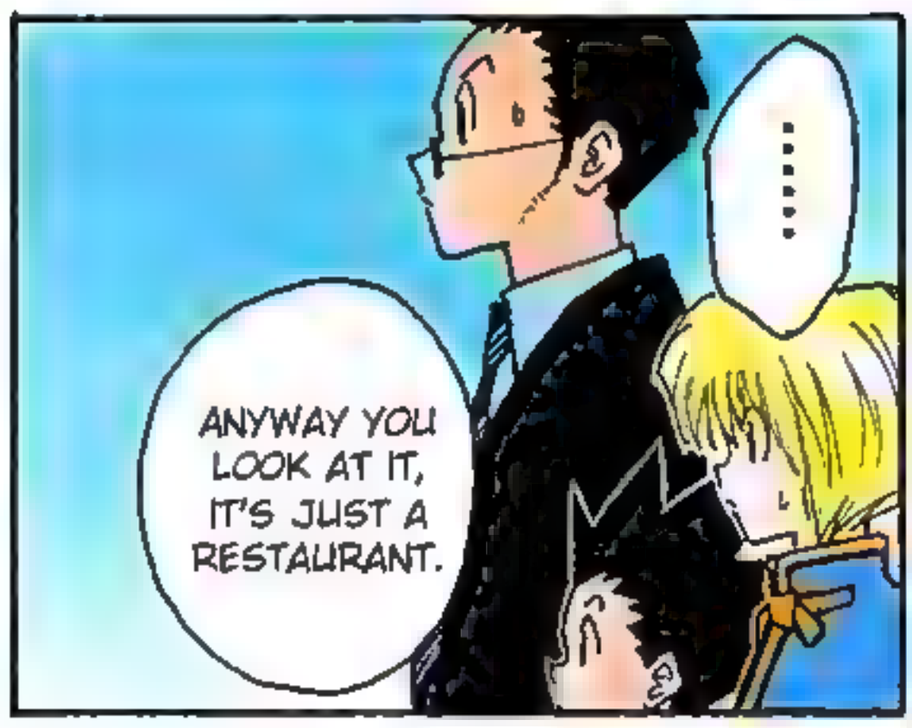
LET'S SEE TSUBASHI STREET 2-5-10...

KIRIKO IN DISGUISE.

WOW.

SO HERE IT IS.


I WONDER IF THIS IS HOW DAD FELT...
...WHEN HE FIRST ARRIVED AT THE EXAM!!
...HUNTER APPLICANTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD.
THIS IS WHAT DRAWS...
IT'S OVER HERE.
HEY GUYS.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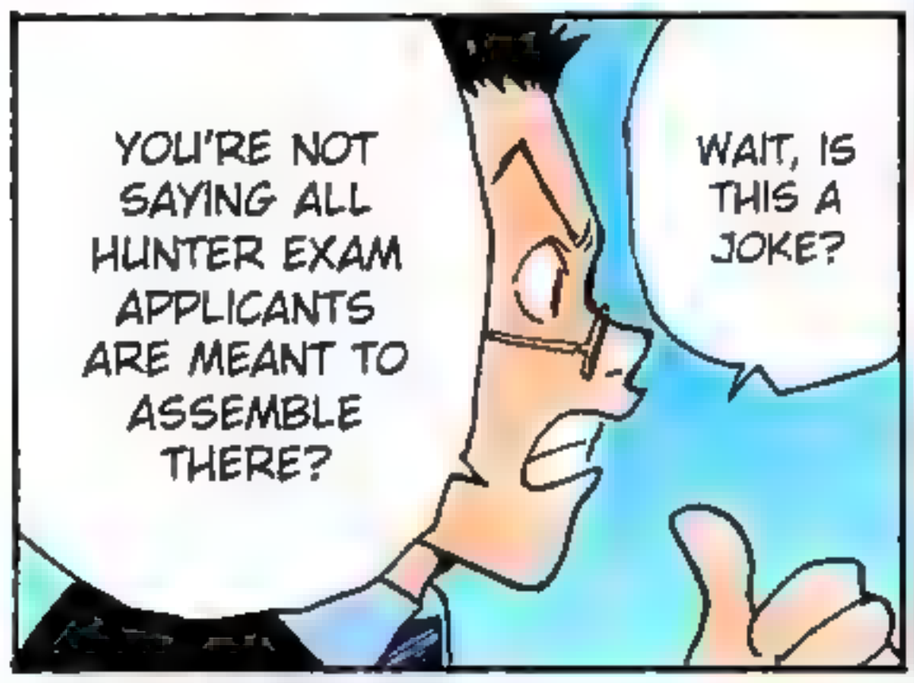
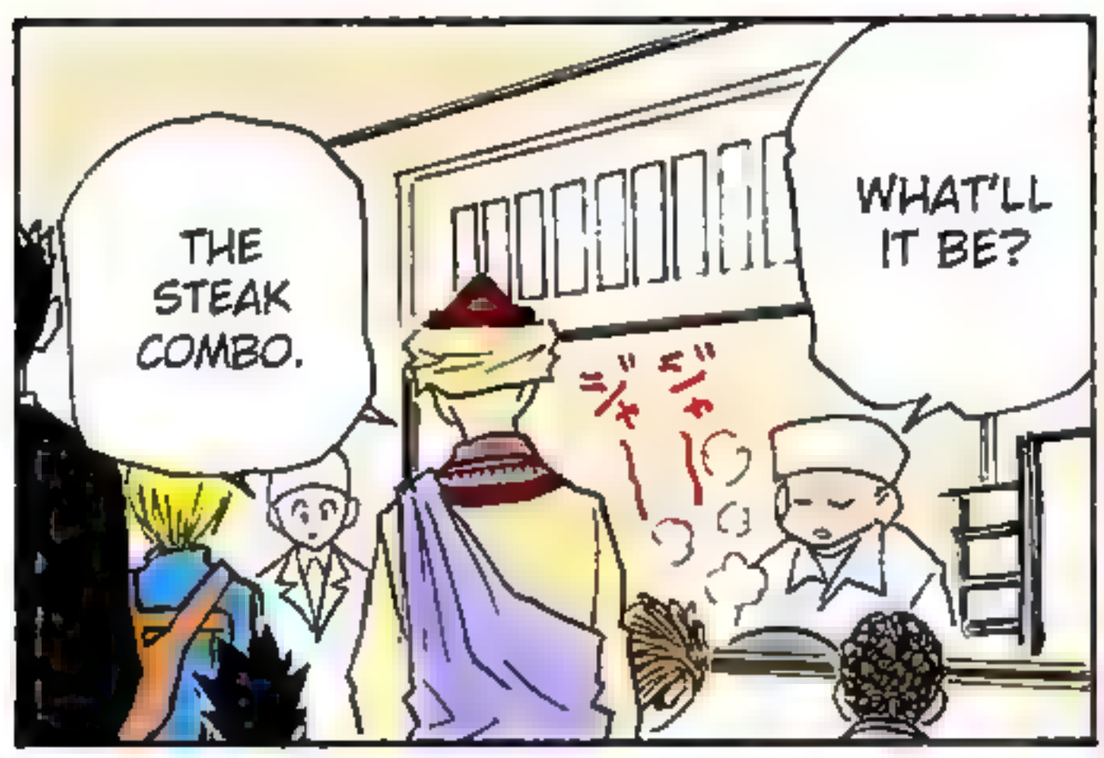
ANYWAY YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S JUST A RESTAURANT.


WAIT, IS THIS A JOKE?
YOU'RE NOT SAYING ALL HUNTER EXAM APPLICANTS ARE MEANT TO ASSEMBLE THERE?

NO ONE WOULD EVER EXPECT THE HUNTER EXAM, WITH ITS MILLIONS OF CANDIDATES, TO BE LOCATED HERE, RIGHT?
THAT'S IT EXACTLY.


THE STEAK COMBO.
WHAT'LL IT BE?
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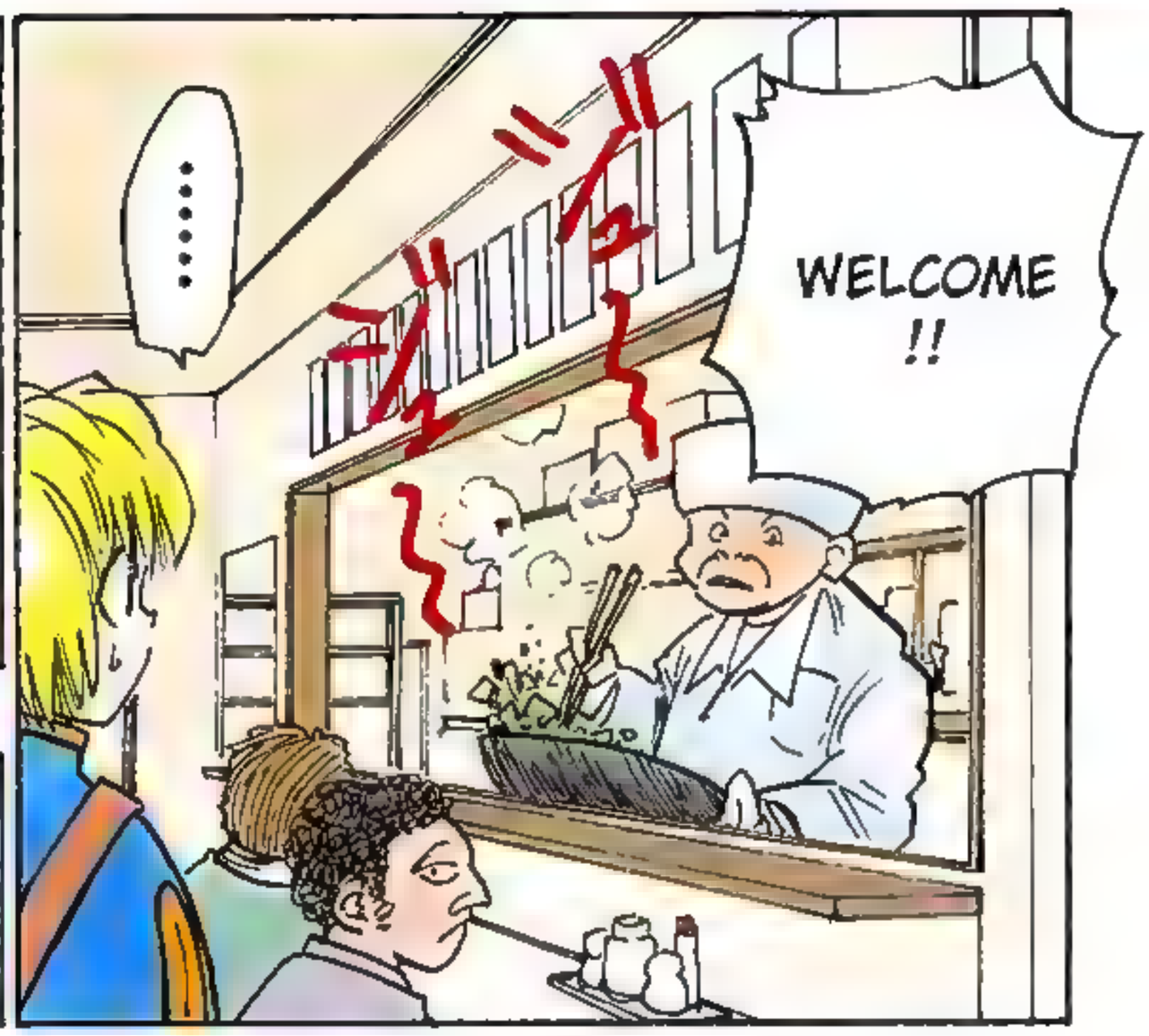
HOW DO YOU WANT THEM?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WELCOME !!

PLEASE SEAT YOURSELF IN THE BACK ROOM.
GOT IT.
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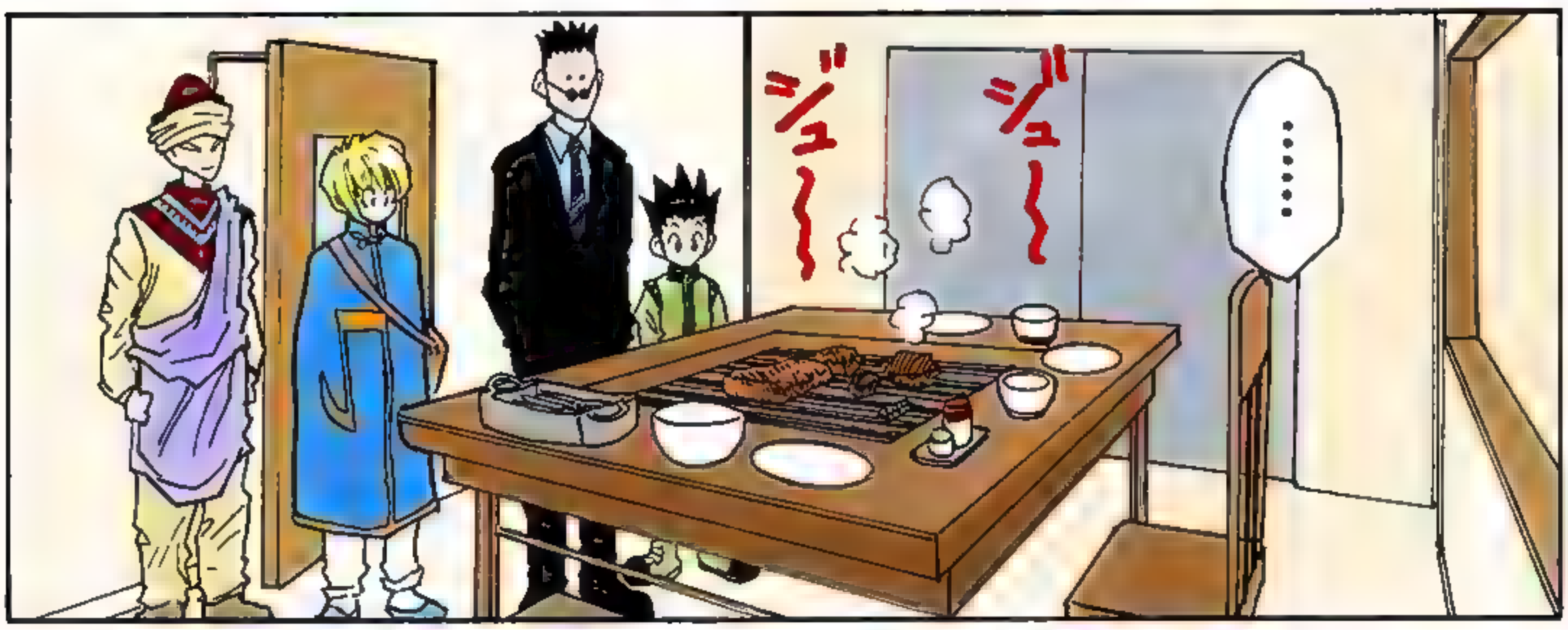
GRILLED OVER A LOW FLAME, UNTIL DONE.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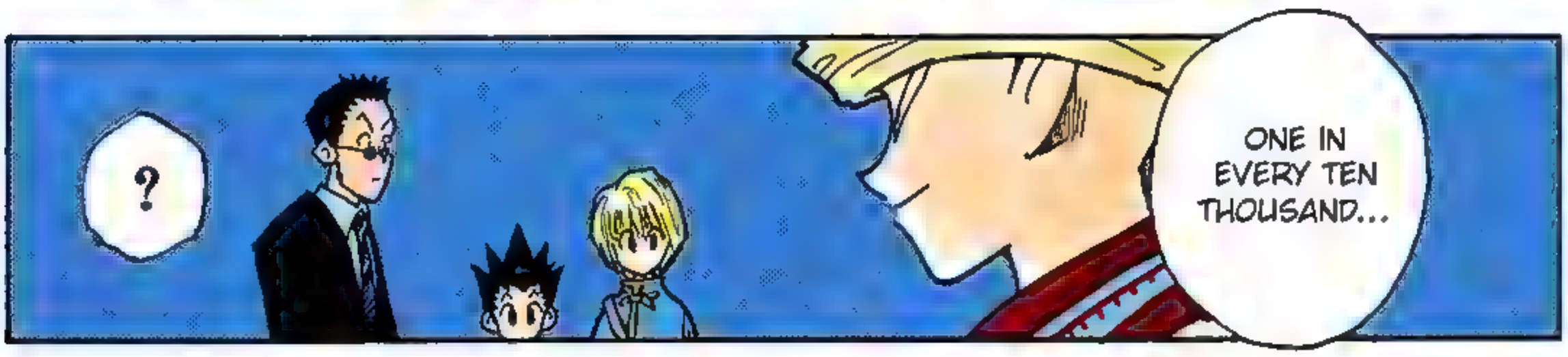
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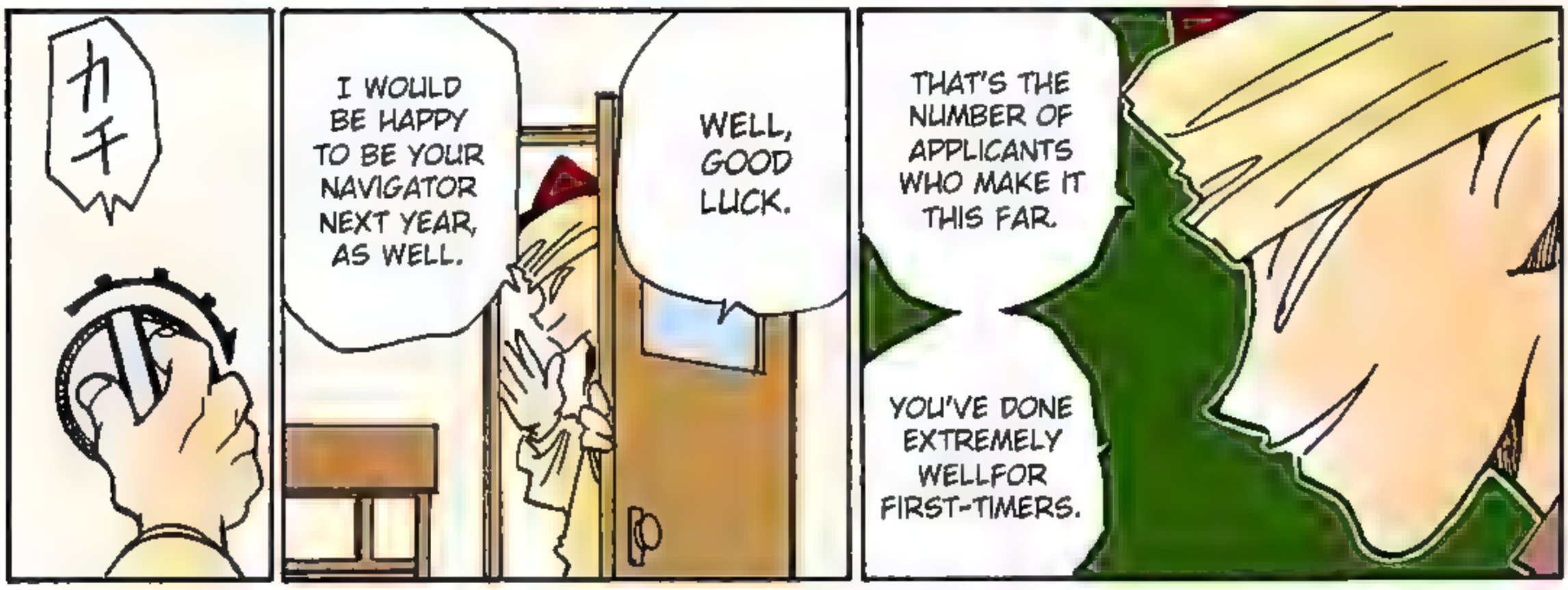
ONE IN EVERY TEN THOUSAND...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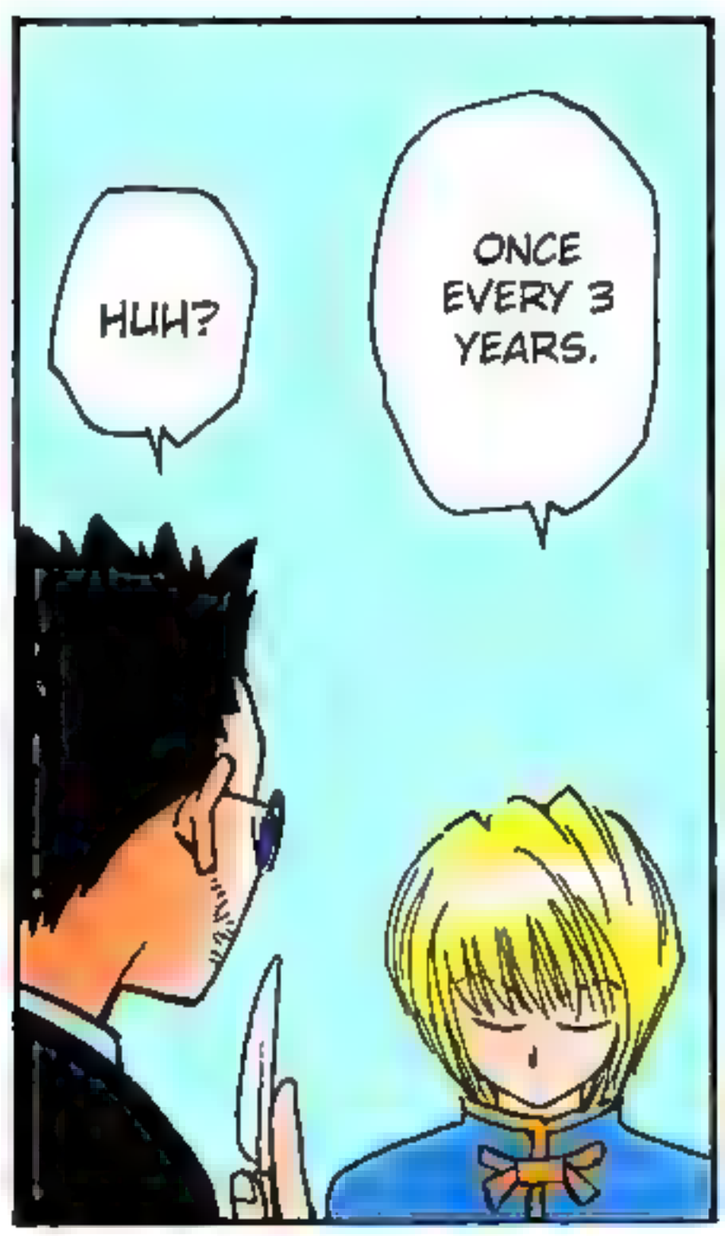
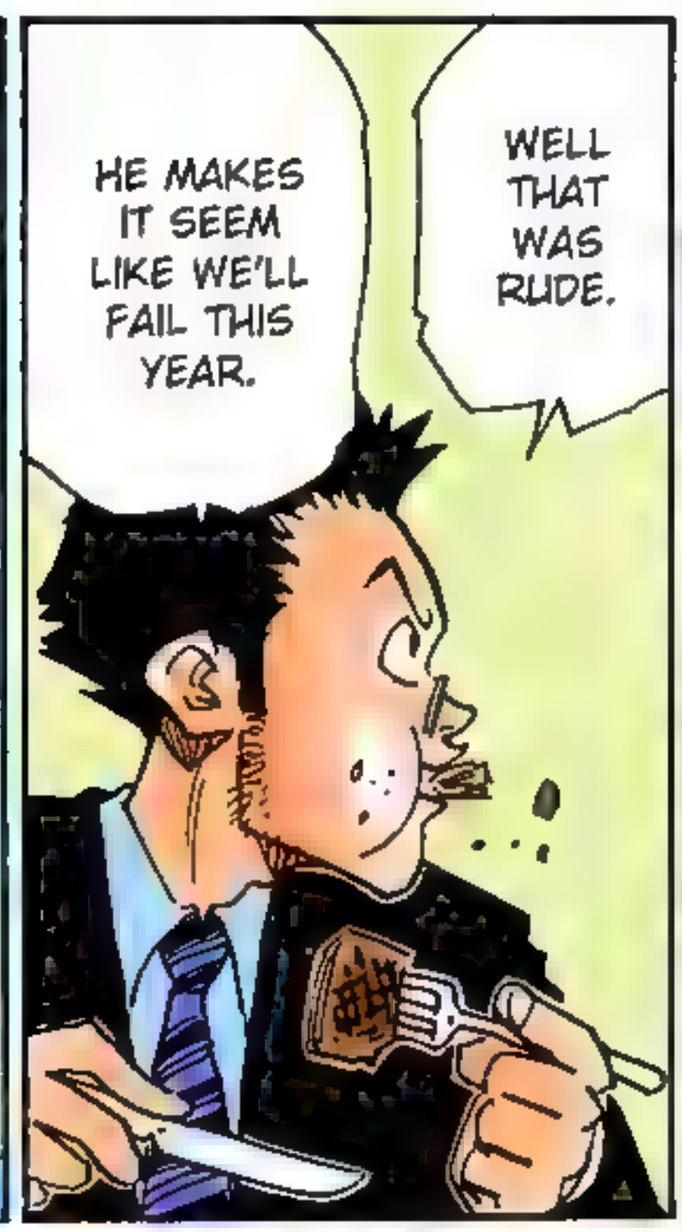
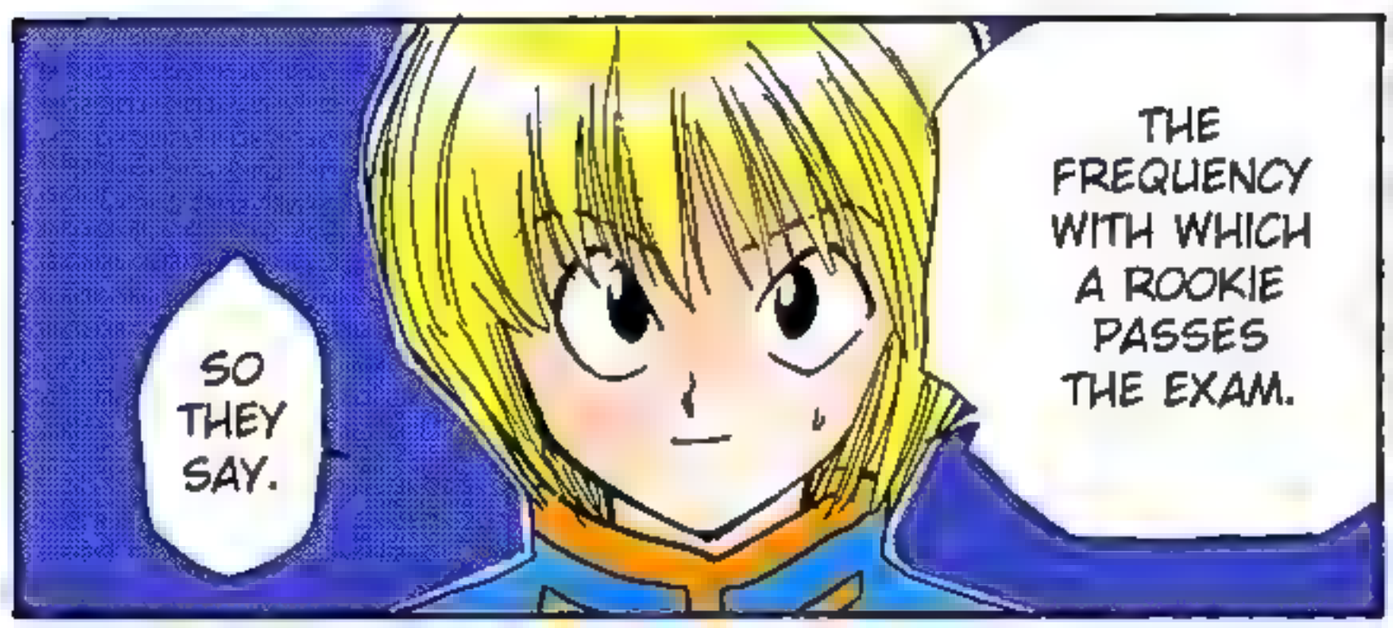
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE YOUR NAVIGATOR NEXT YEAR, AS WELL.
WELL, GOOD LUCK.
THAT'S THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO MAKE IT THIS FAR.
YOU'VE DONE EXTREMELY WELLFOR FIRST-TIMERS.

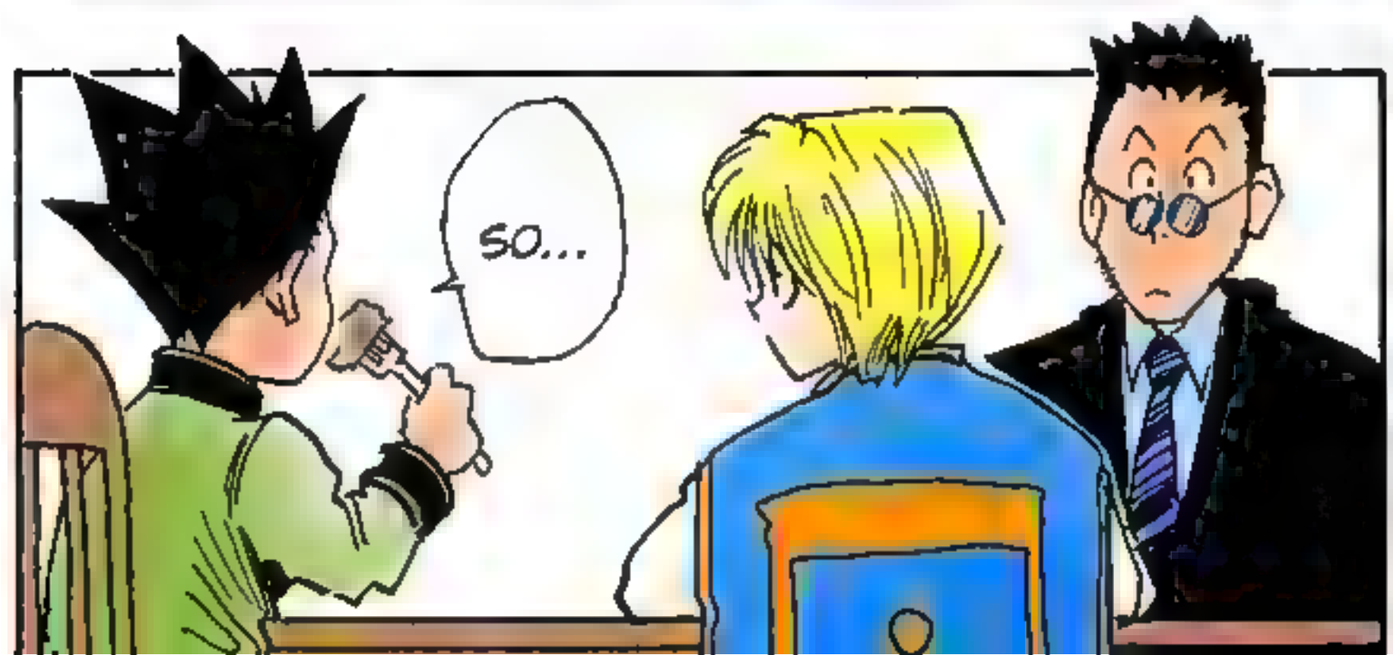


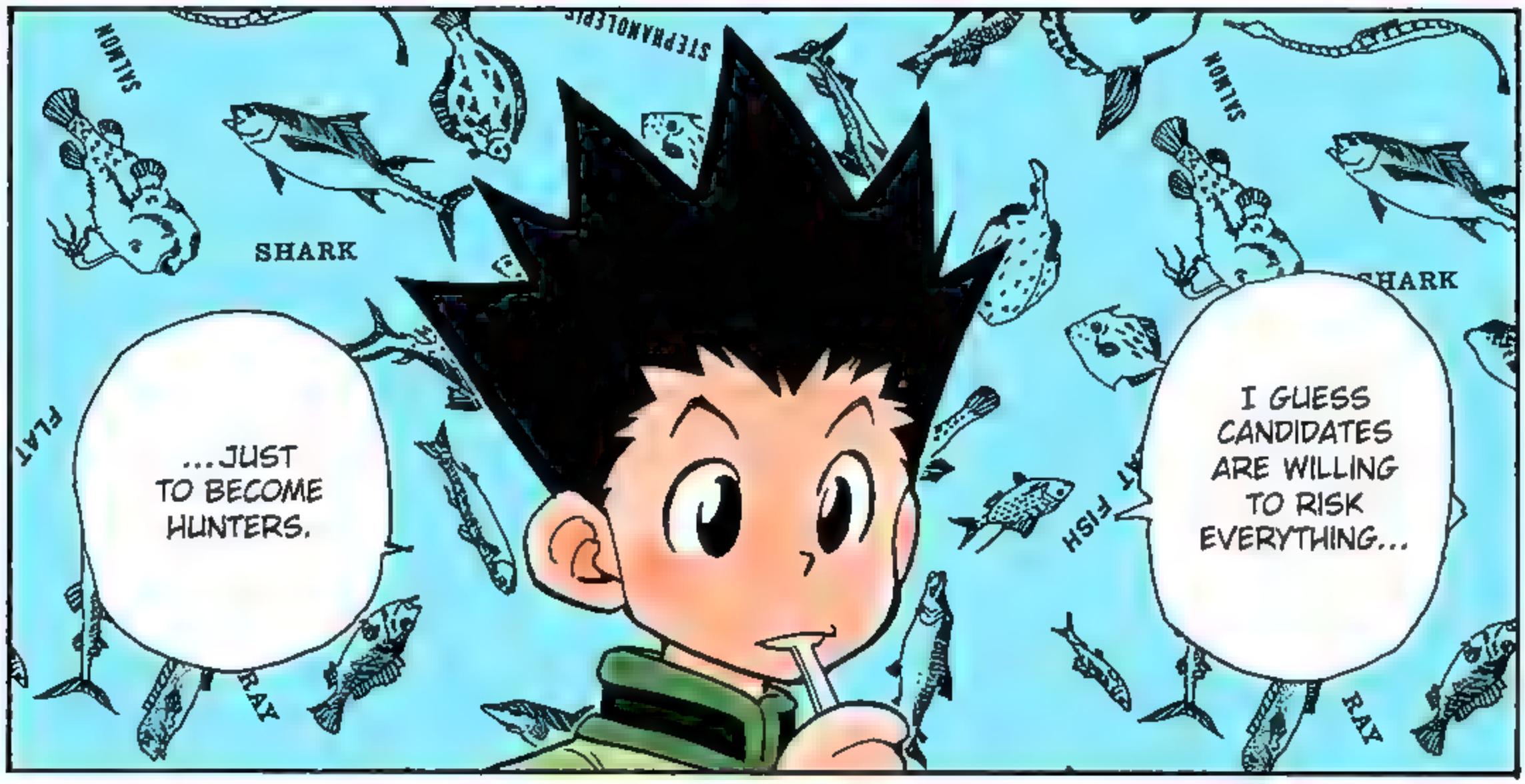




AND THEY TAKE SUCH A PHYSICAL BEATING, THEY CAN NEVER TAKE IT AGAIN.

MANY ROOKIES DROP OUT MIDWAY BECAUSE THE HUNTER EXAMS ARE SO HARSH.

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...JUST TO BECOME HUNTERS.
I GUESS CANDIDATES ARE WILLING TO RISK EVERYTHING...
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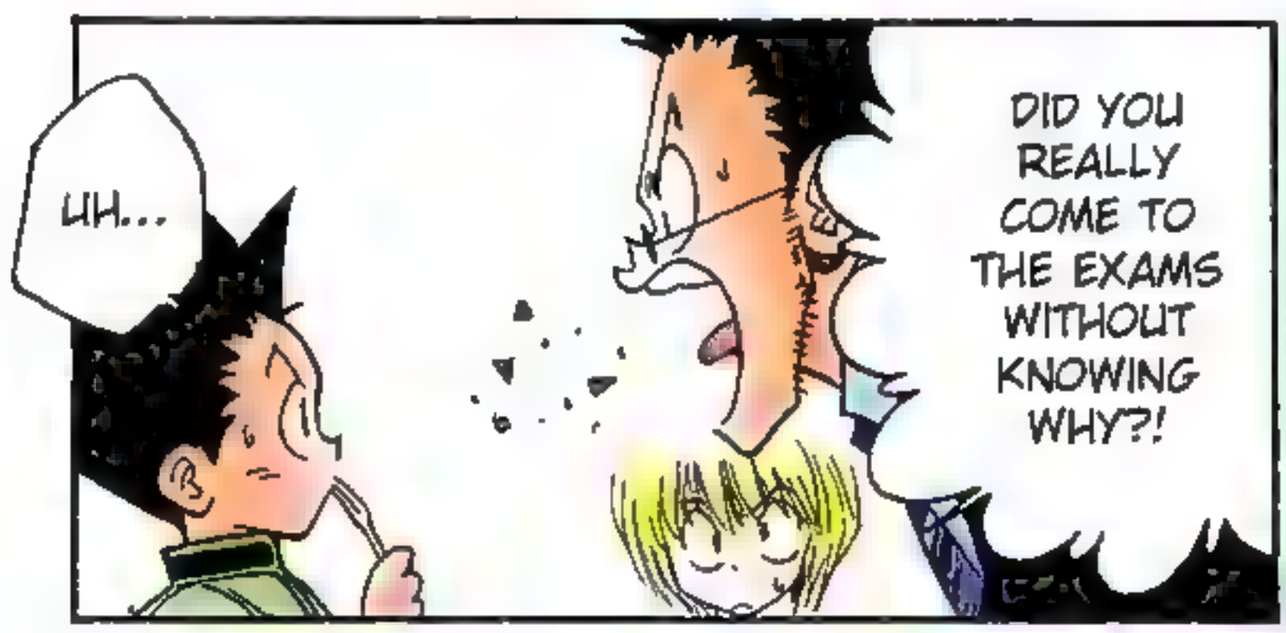
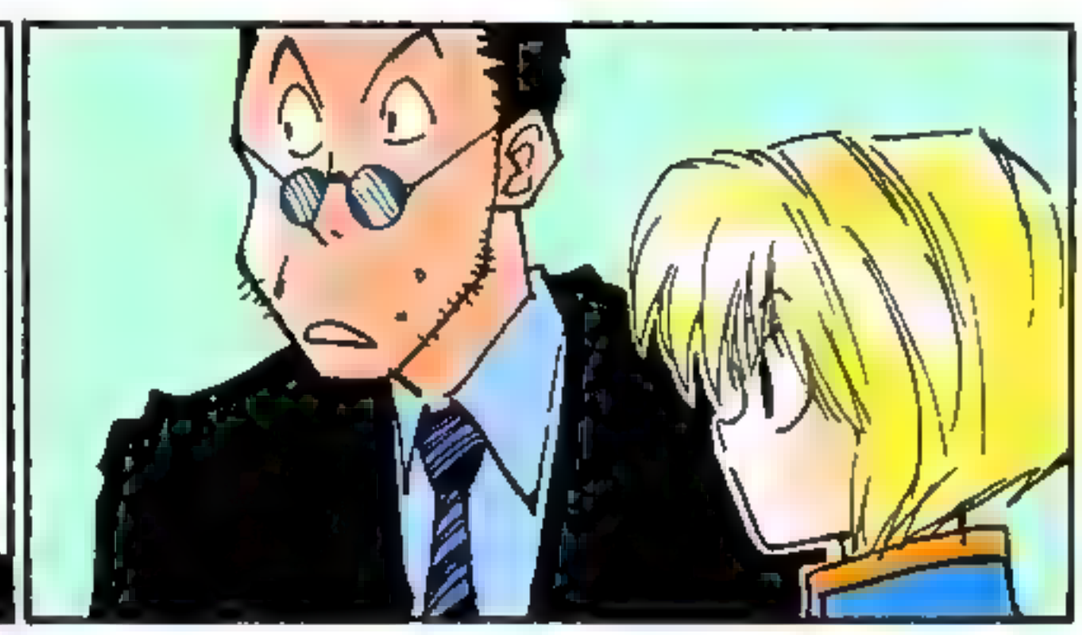
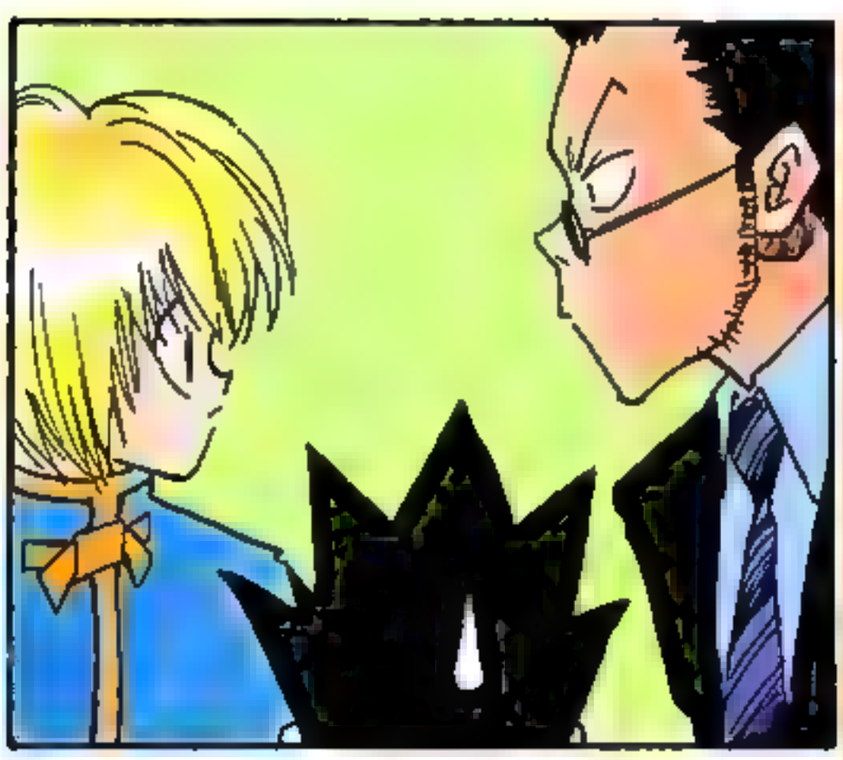
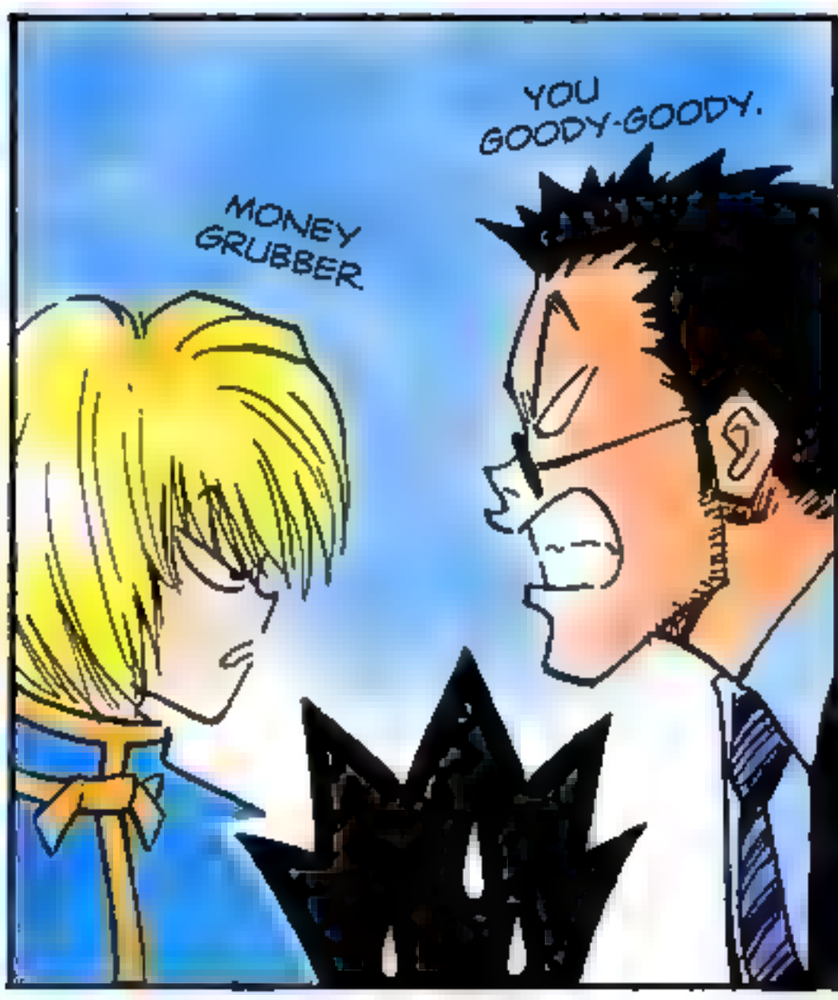

UH...
DID YOU REALLY COME TO THE EXAMS WITHOUT KNOWING WHY?!






YOU GOODY-GOODY.
MONEY GRUBBER

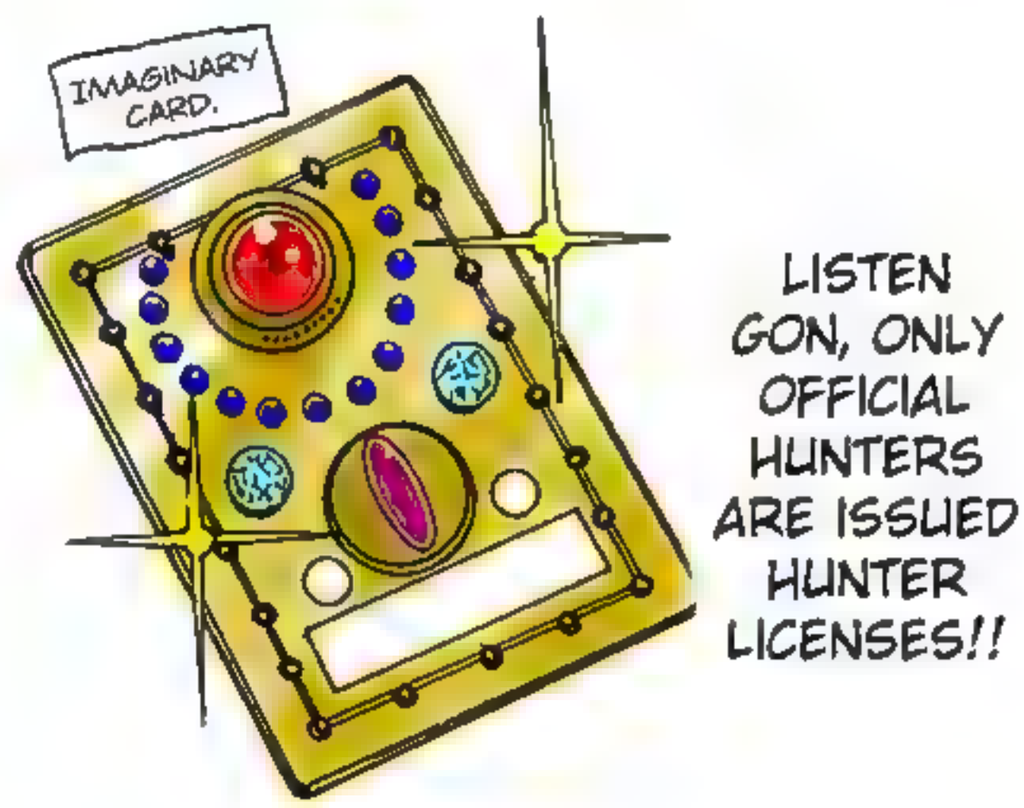
LOOK, BECOMING A HUNTER IS...
THE MOST NOBLE...
WELL PAYING...
OCCUPATION !!

THE IMAGE OF BAGGING ANIMALS AND SCROUNGING FOR TREASURE BELONGS TO SECOND RATE HUNTERS. A HUNTER'S REAL JOB IS TO SECURE ORDER IN BOTH SOCIETY AND NATURE!!

PRO HUNTERS SEEK TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT PRECIOUS CULTURAL ARTIFACTS AS WELL AS RARE FLORA AND FAUNA!!

EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS TRACKING DOWN WANTED CRIMINALS AND POACHERS!! IT'S A TOUGH BUT REWARDING CAREER!!

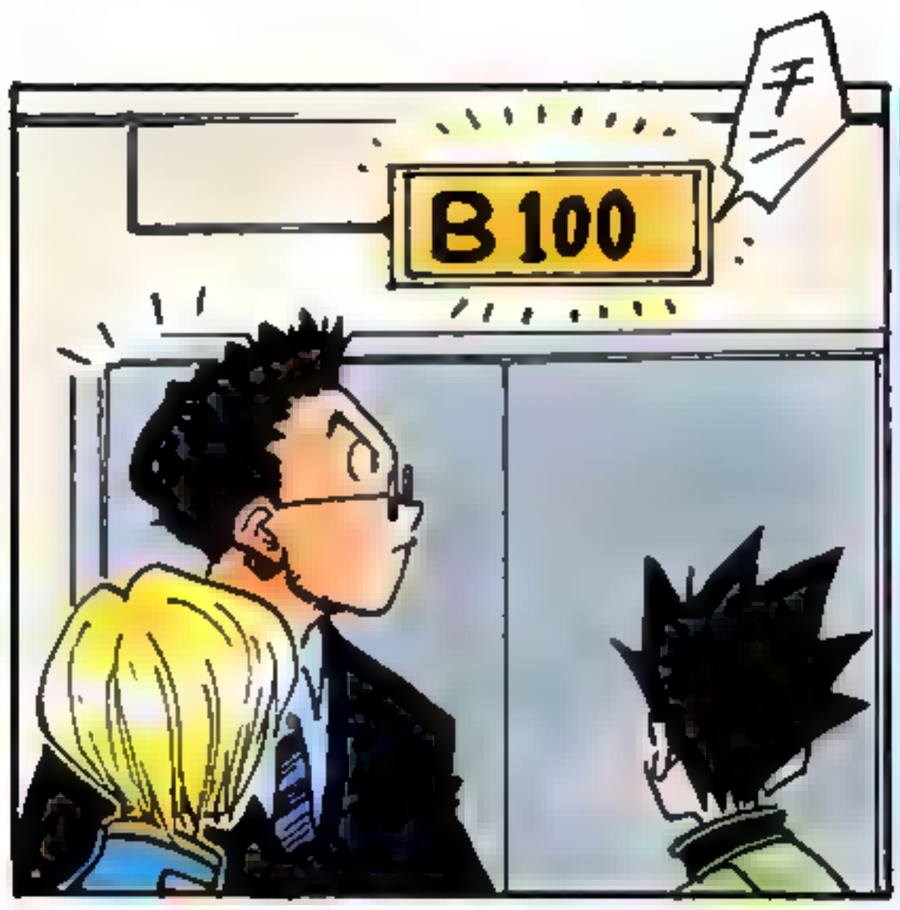
PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE, SOUND MIND AND BODY, AND STRONG CONVICTION!! THOSE ARE THE QUALITIES ON WHICH HUNTERS PRIDE THEMSELVES!!



LISTEN GON, ONLY OFFICIAL HUNTERS ARE ISSUED HUNTER LICENSES!!

IF YOU HAVE ONE, YOU'RE PERMITTED TO GO ANYWHERE YOU WANT!! AND YOU CAN USE MOST PUBLIC FACILITIES FREE OF CHARGE!!

EVERY YEAR, OVER 60 HUNTERS MAKE THE LIST OF THE WORLD'S 100 RICHEST PEOPLE!! IF YOU BECOME A TREASURE HUNTER OF LOST ANTIQUITIES OR A CONTRACT HUNTER FOR A RICH PATRON, YOU CAN MAKE A FORTUNE!! YOU CAN GO ON AND LIVE A GREAT LIFE, THAT'S WHY PEOPLE BECOME HUNTERS!!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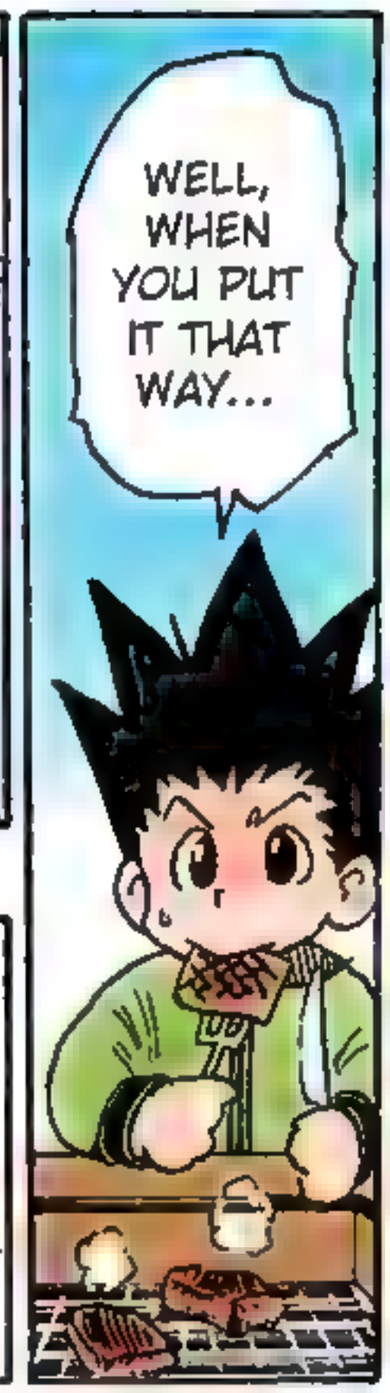
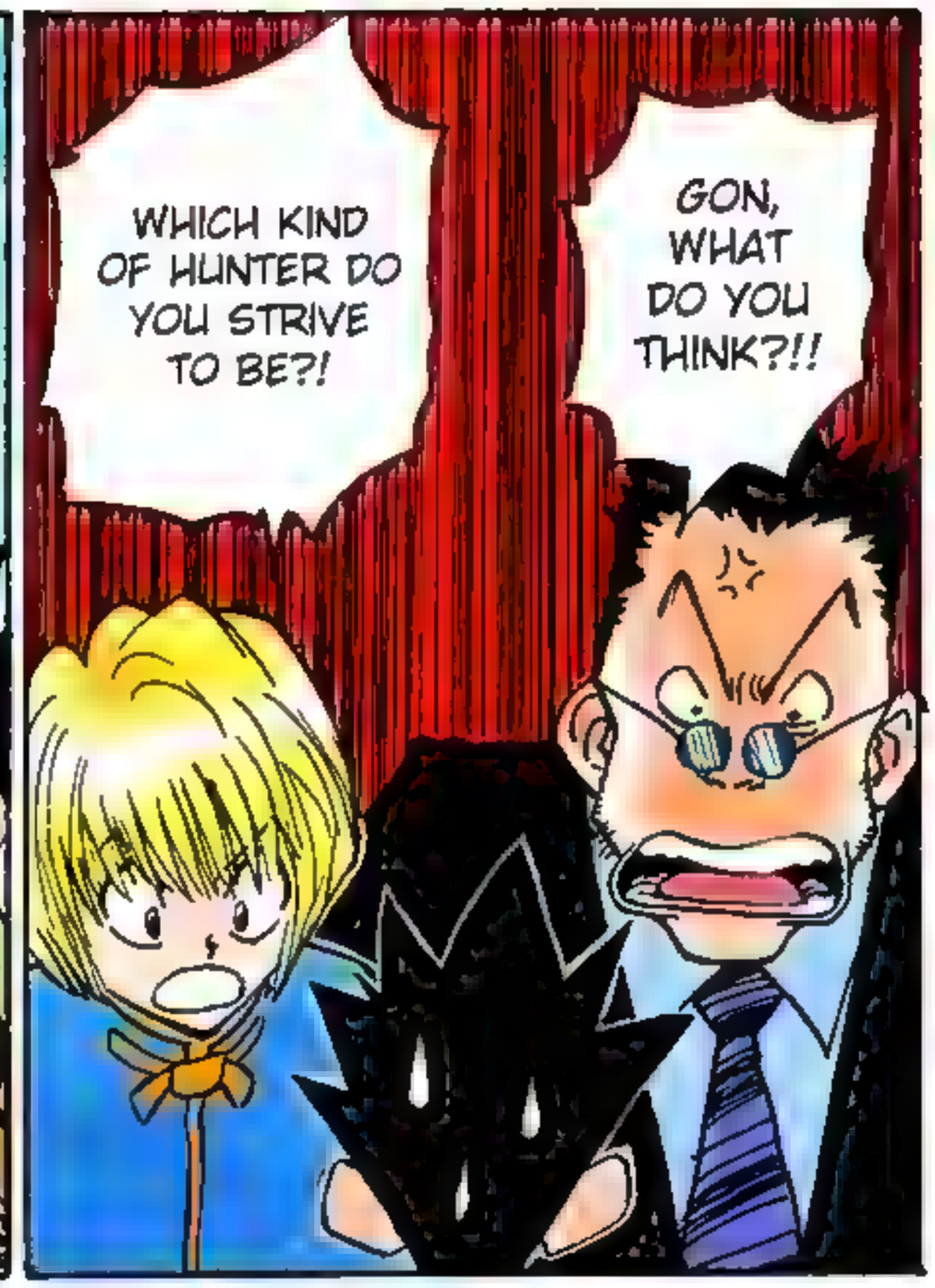
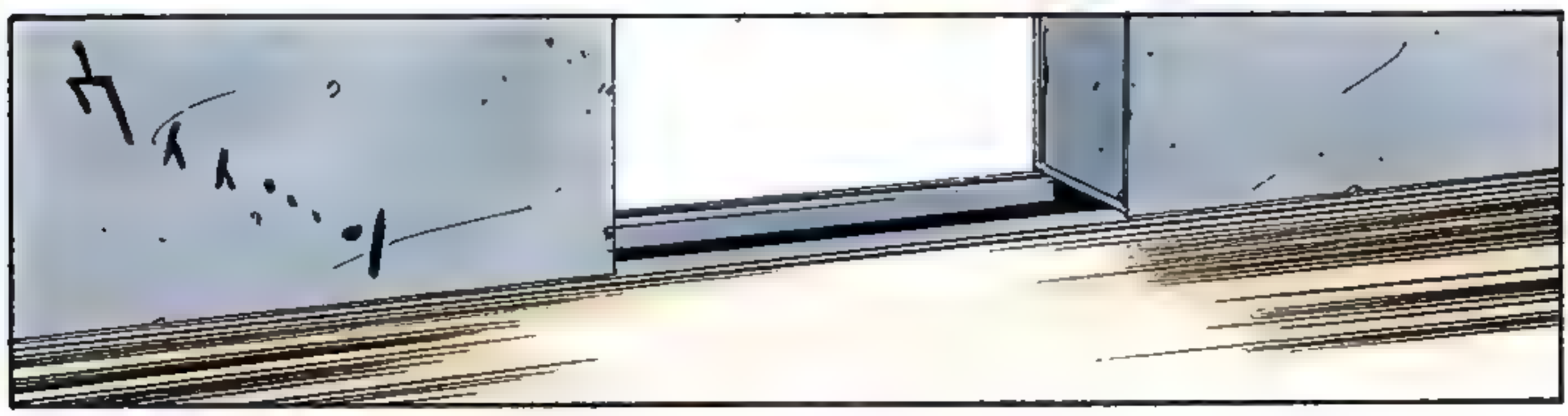
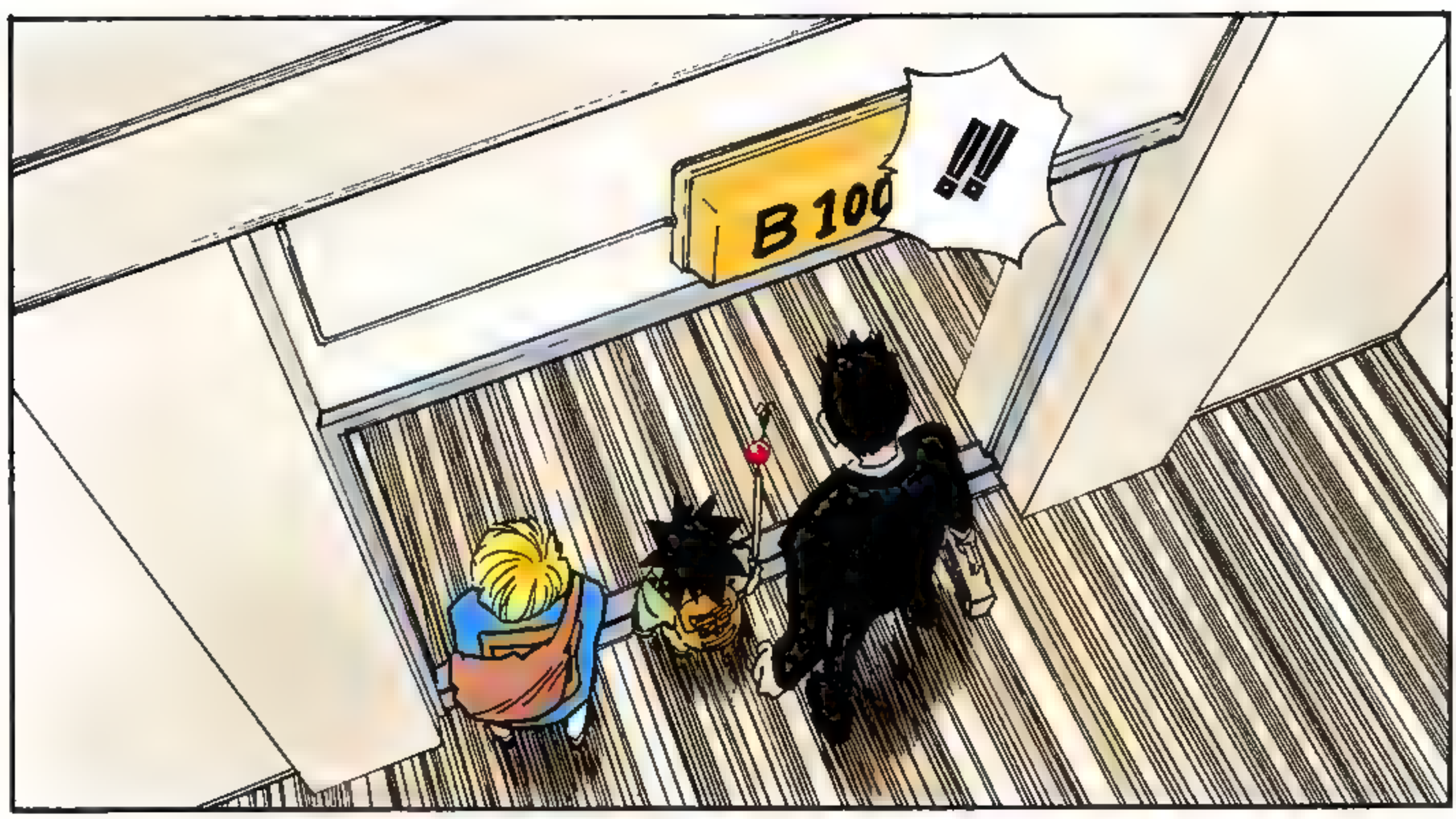

WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...


WHICH KIND OF HUNTER DO YOU STRIVE TO BE?!
GON, WHAT DO YOU THINK?!!

WE'LL CONTINUE THIS LATER!!
I THINK WE'RE HERE...

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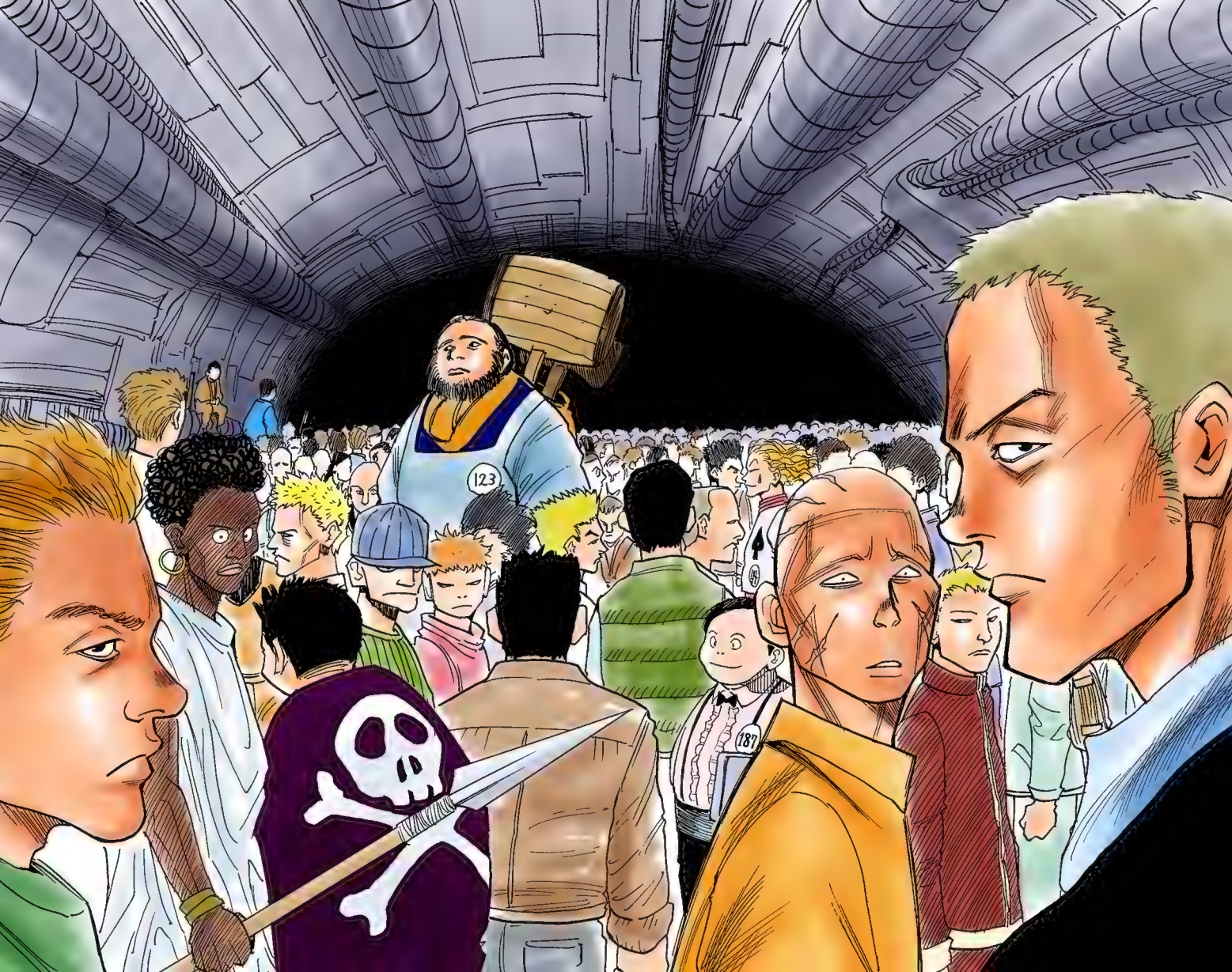
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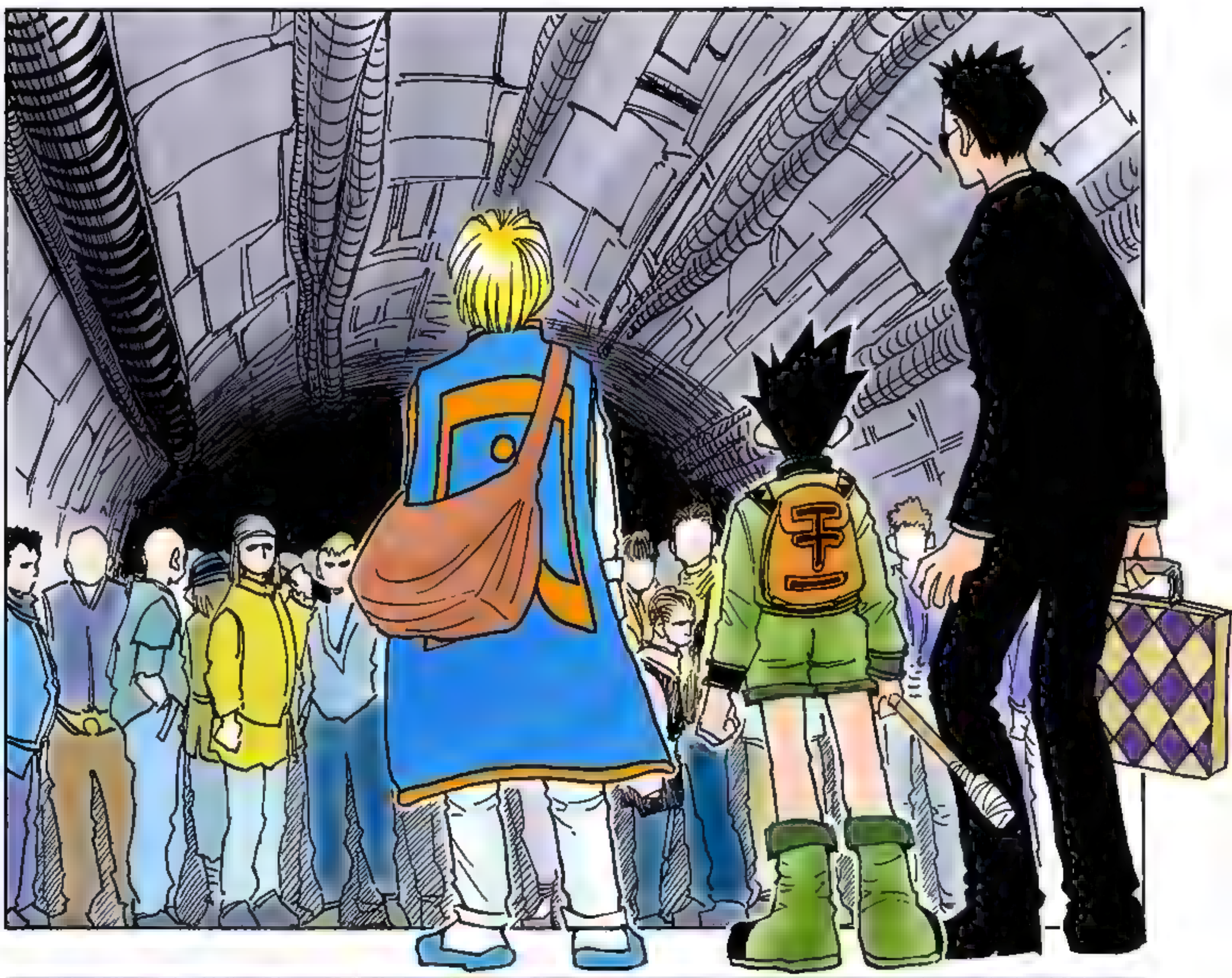

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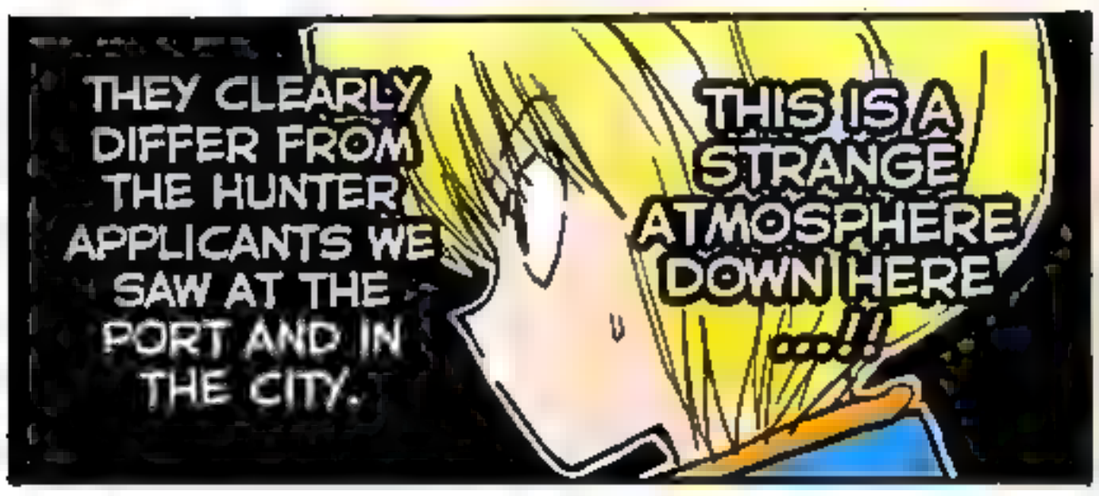
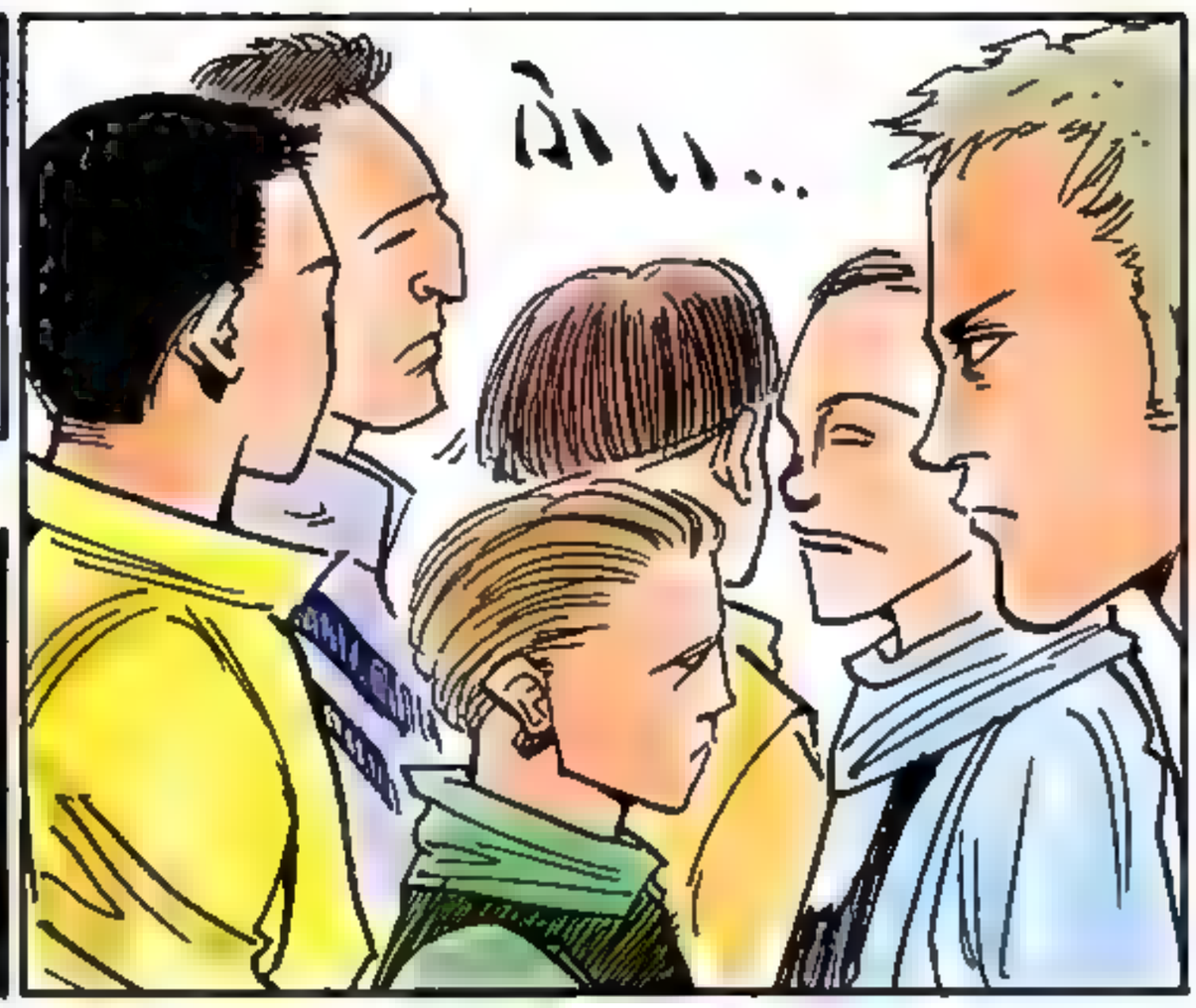

THEY CLEARLY DIFFER FROM THE HUNTER APPLICANTS WE SAW AT THE PORT AND IN THE CITY.
THIS IS A STRANGE ATMOSPHERE DOWN HERE ...!!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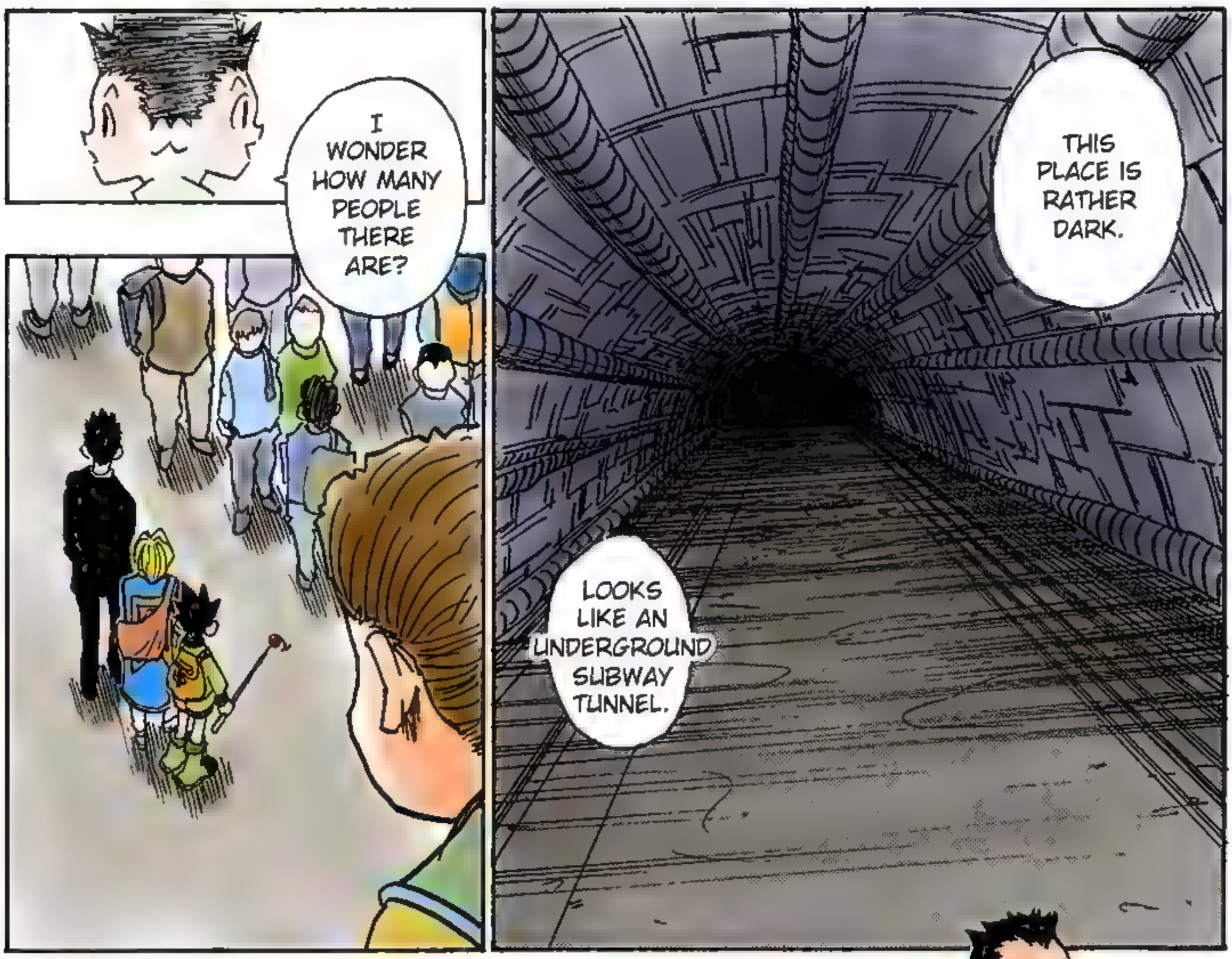
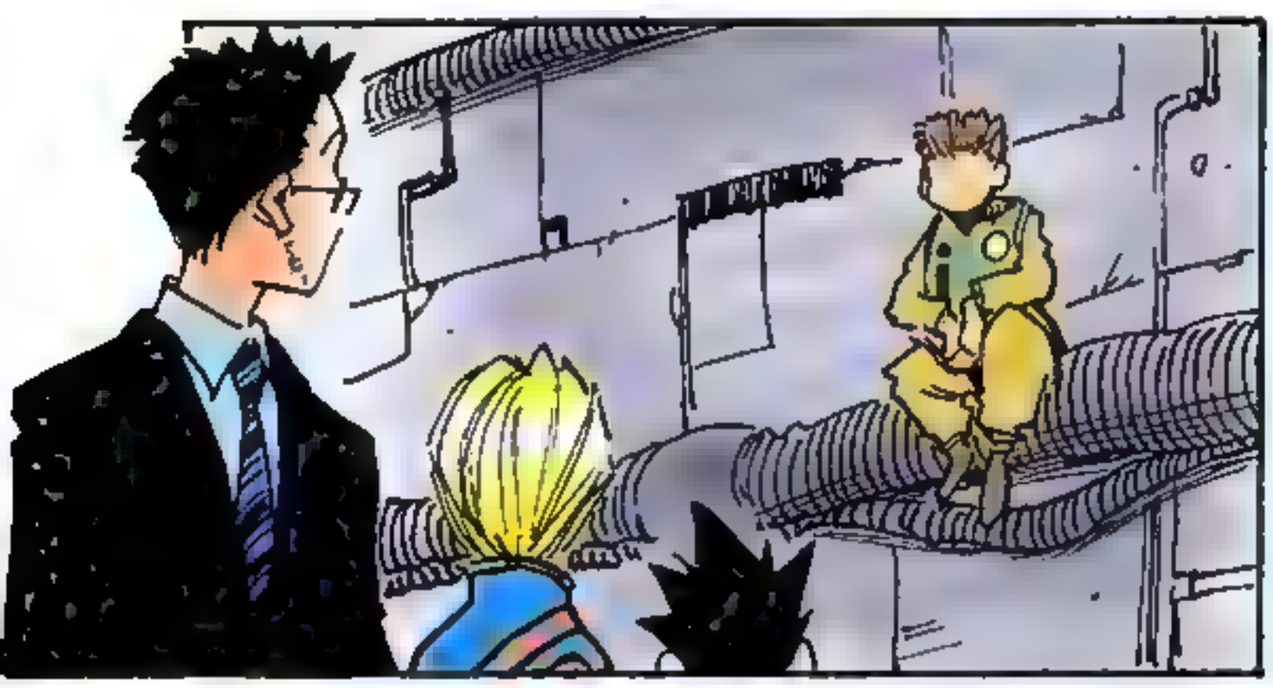
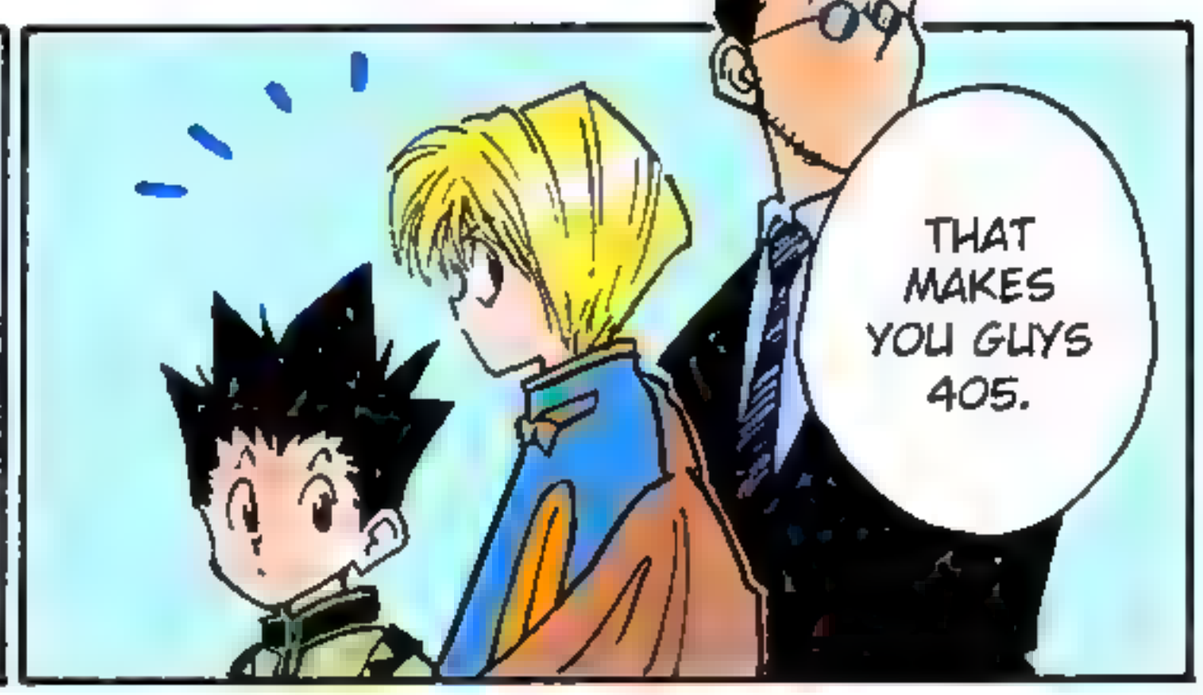
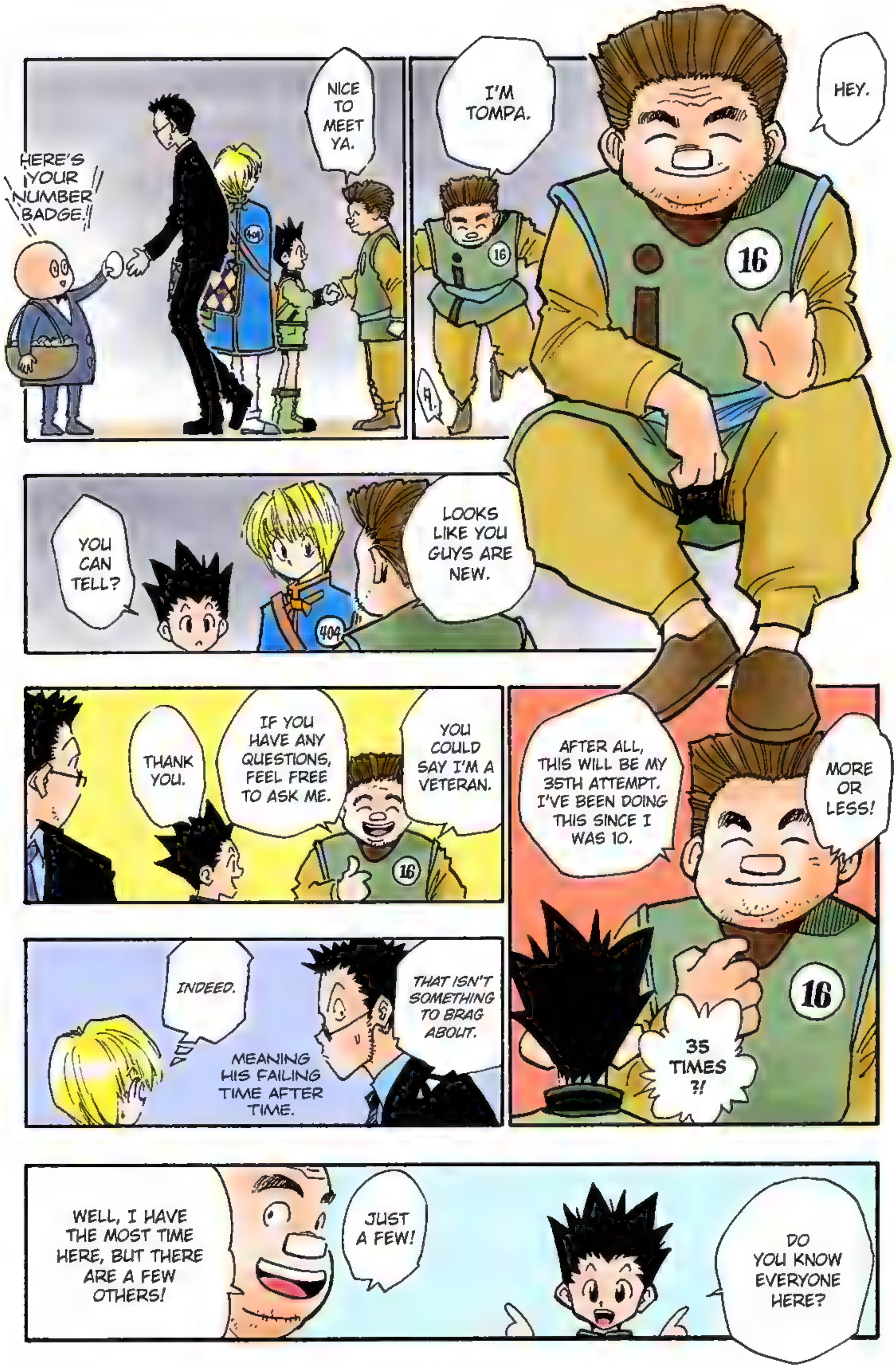
EACH IS A MASTER, IN THEIR OWN RIGHT!!








HERE'S YOUR NUMBER BADGE!!
NICE TO MEET YA.
I'M TOMPA.
HEY.
YOU CAN TELL?
LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS ARE NEW.
THANK YOU.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK ME.
YOU COULD SAY I'M A VETERAN.
AFTER ALL, THIS WILL BE MY 35TH ATTEMPT. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS SINCE I WAS 10.
MORE OR LESS!
35 TIMES ?!
INDEED.
MEANING HIS FAILING TIME AFTER TIME.
THAT ISN'T SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT.
WELL, I HAVE THE MOST TIME HERE, BUT THERE ARE A FEW OTHERS!
JUST A FEW!
DO YOU KNOW EVERYONE HERE?

HIS STRENGTH IS UNMATCHED AND HE'S PRETTY SMART.
NUMBER 255, TODO, THE WRESTLER.
255

HE TENDS TO HOLD GRUDGES, SO YOU DON'T WANT TO GET ON HIS BAD SIDE.
NUMBER 103, BOURBON, THE SNAKE CHARMER.
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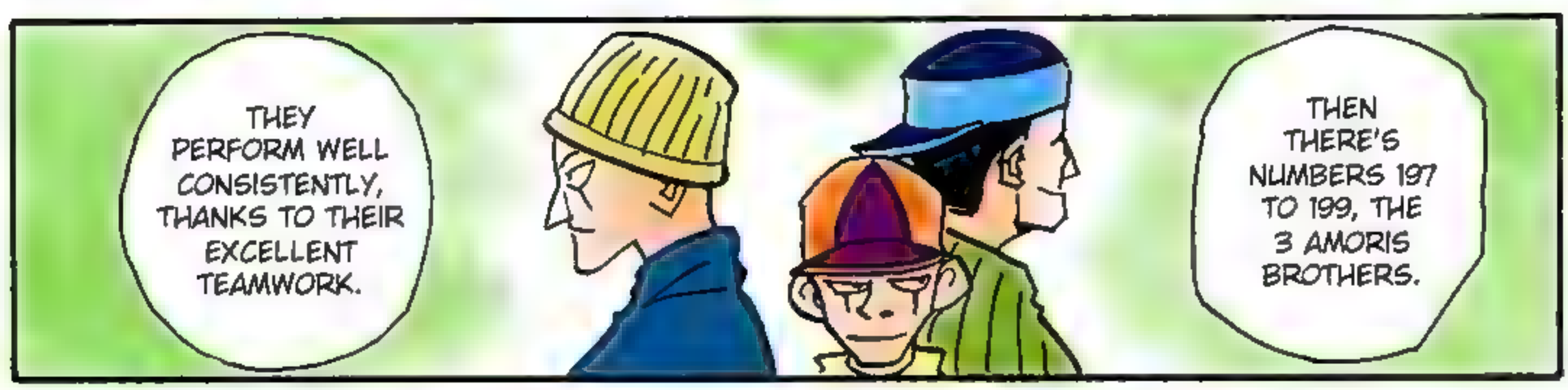
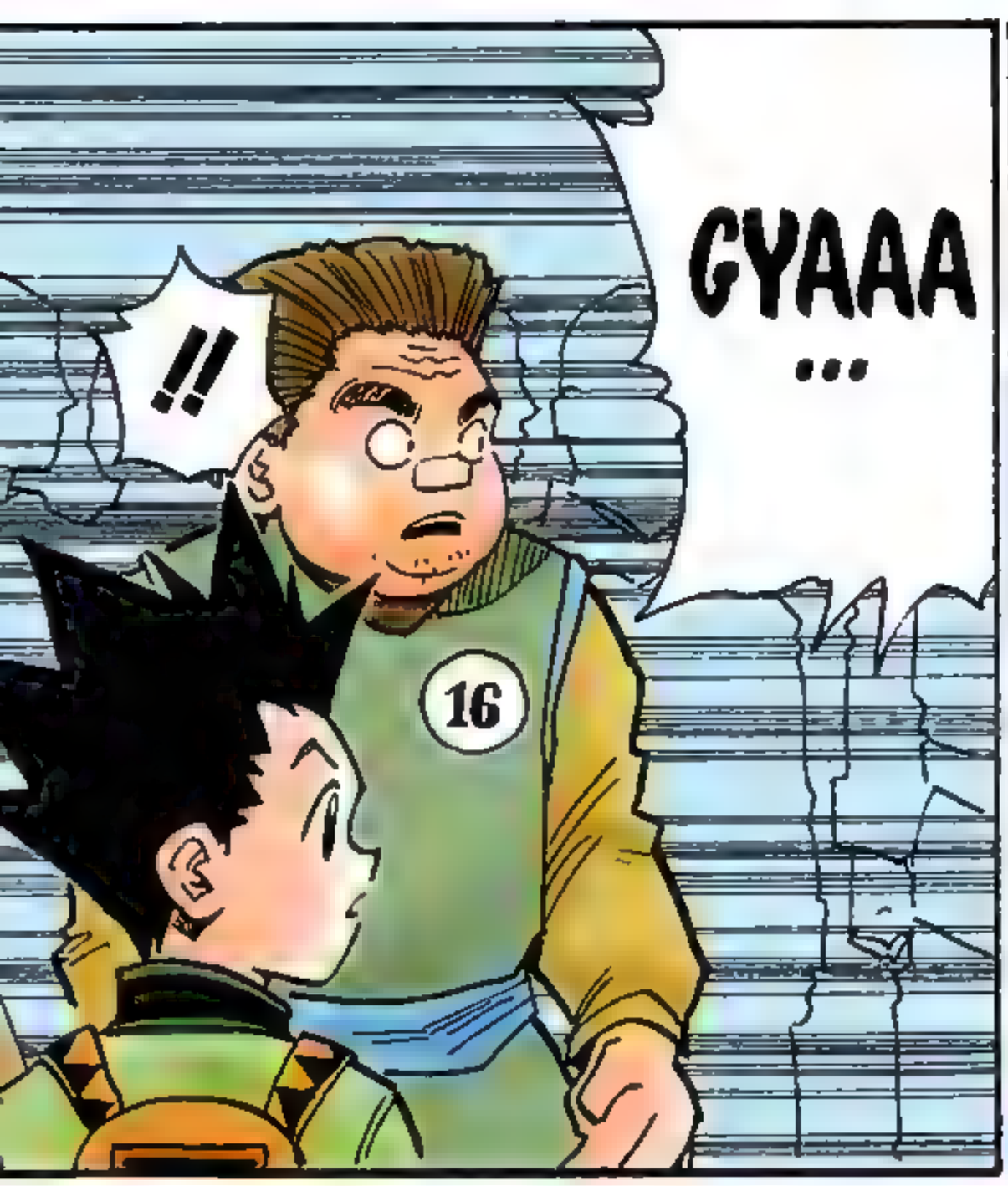
HE'S UNRIVALED WHEN IT COMES TO HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT!
NUMBER 76, CHERRY THE MARTIAL ARTIST.


THEY PERFORM WELL CONSISTENTLY, THANKS TO THEIR EXCELLENT TEAMWORK.
THEN THERE'S NUMBERS 197 TO 199, THE 3 AMORIS BROTHERS.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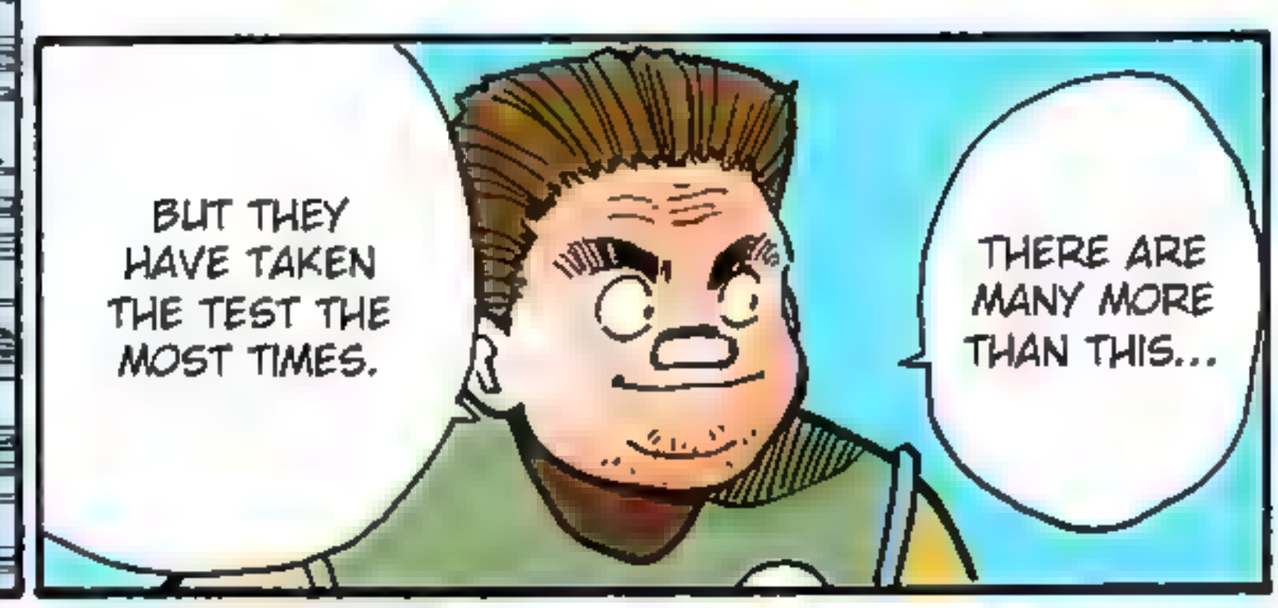
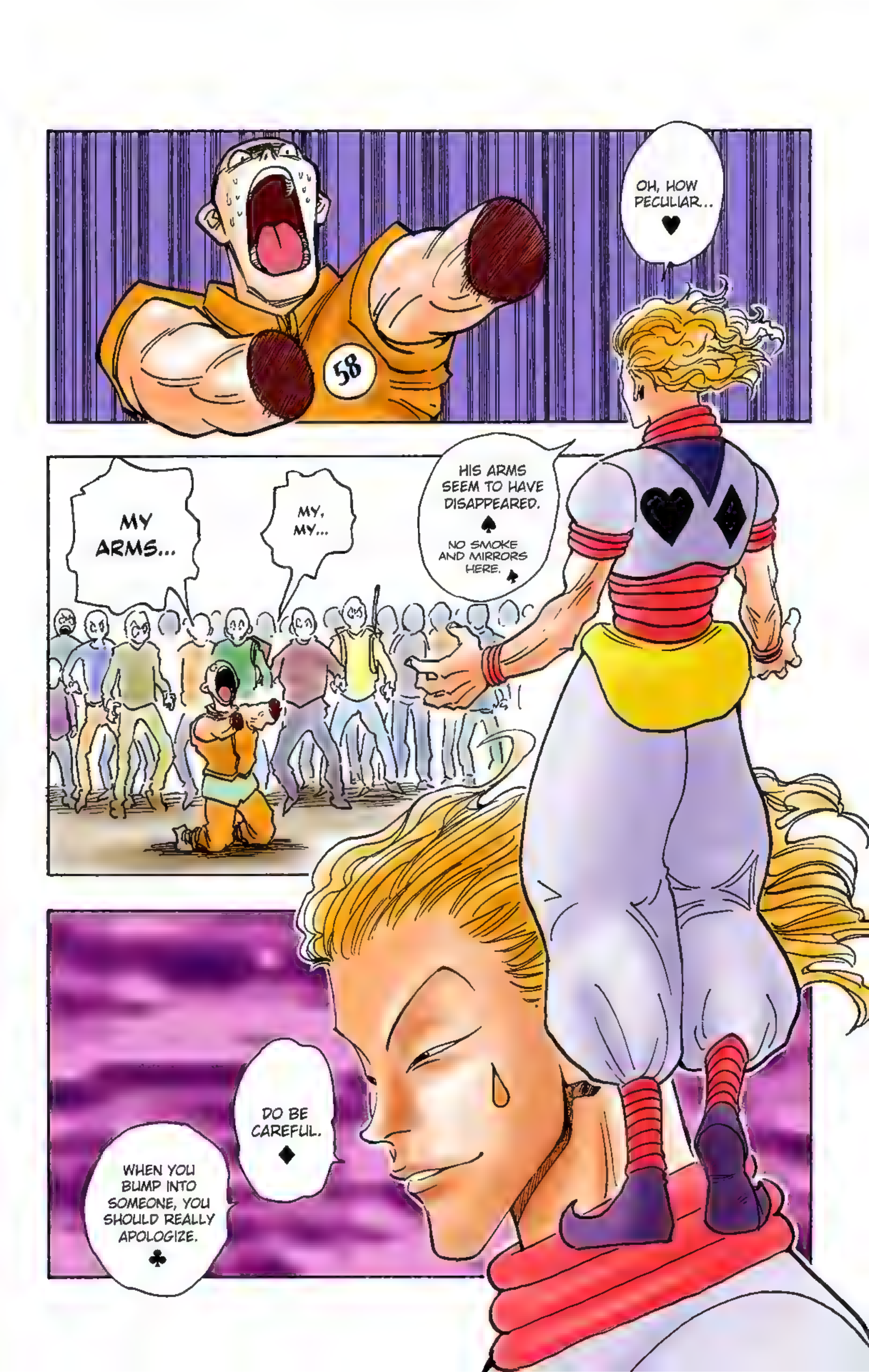
HE SPECIALIZES IN KILLING ALL MANNERS OF CREATURES, BY BLOW DART AND CLUB.
NUMBER 384, GERRETA, THE HUNTSMAN.


BUT THEY HAVE TAKEN THE TEST THE MOST TIMES.
THERE ARE MANY MORE THAN THIS...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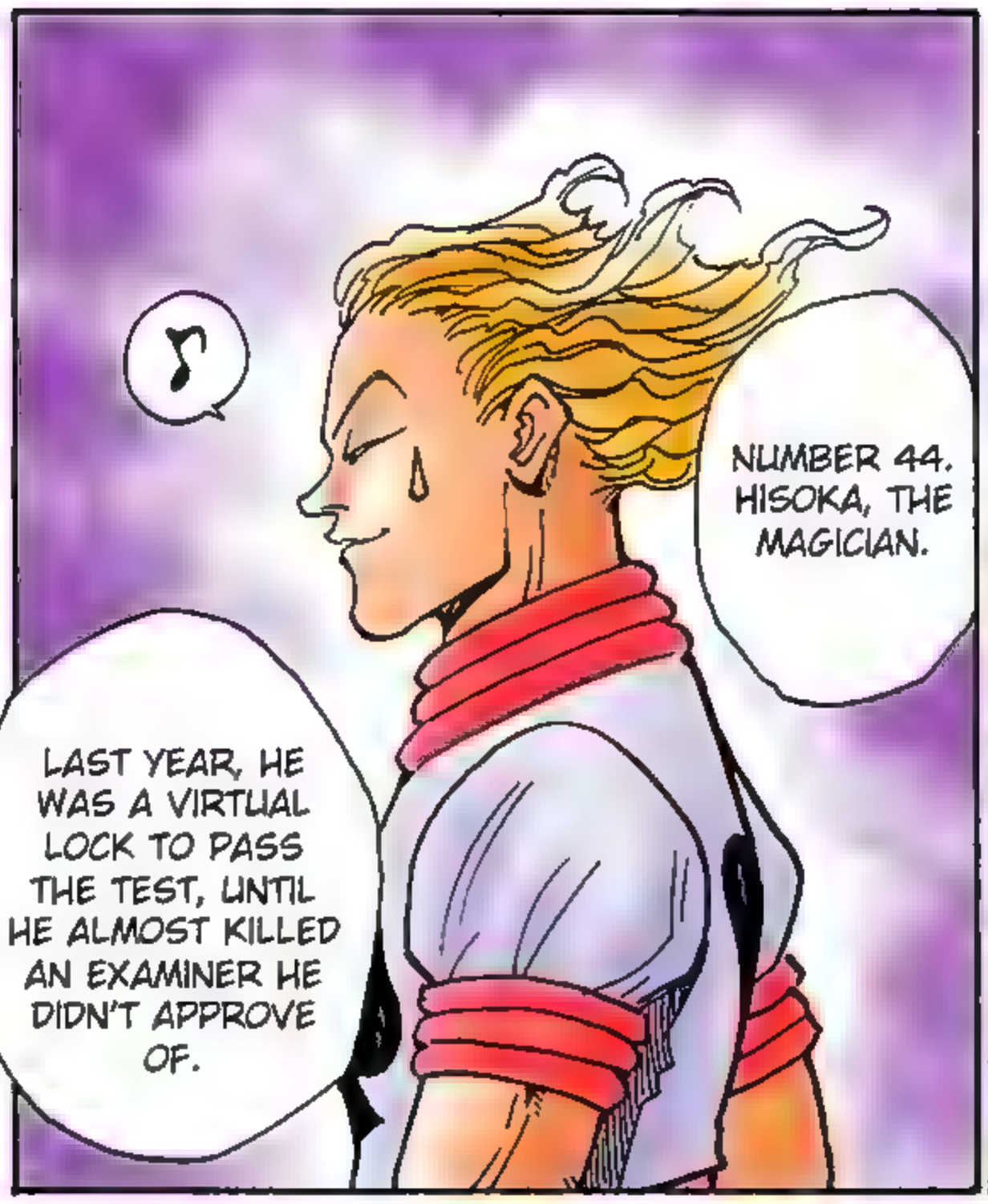
OH, HOW PECULIAR..
MY ARMS...
MY, MY...
HIS ARMS SEEM TO HAVE DISAPPEARED.
NO SMOKE AND MIRRORS HERE.
DO BE CAREFUL.
WHEN YOU BUMP INTO SOMEONE, YOU SHOULD REALLY APOLOGIZE.


NUMBER 44. HISOKA, THE MAGICIAN.
LAST YEAR, HE WAS A VIRTUAL LOCK TO PASS THE TEST, UNTIL HE ALMOST KILLED AN EXAMINER HE DIDN'T APPROVE OF.

MAN... THAT AWFUL GUY'S BACK AGAIN.
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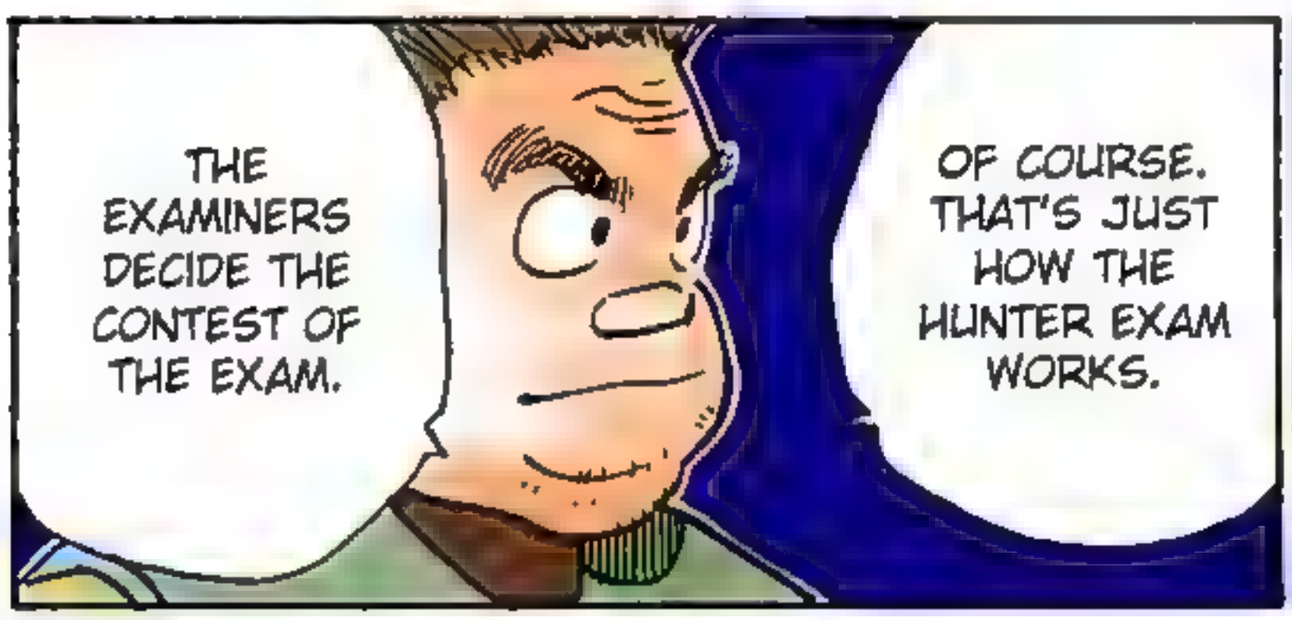
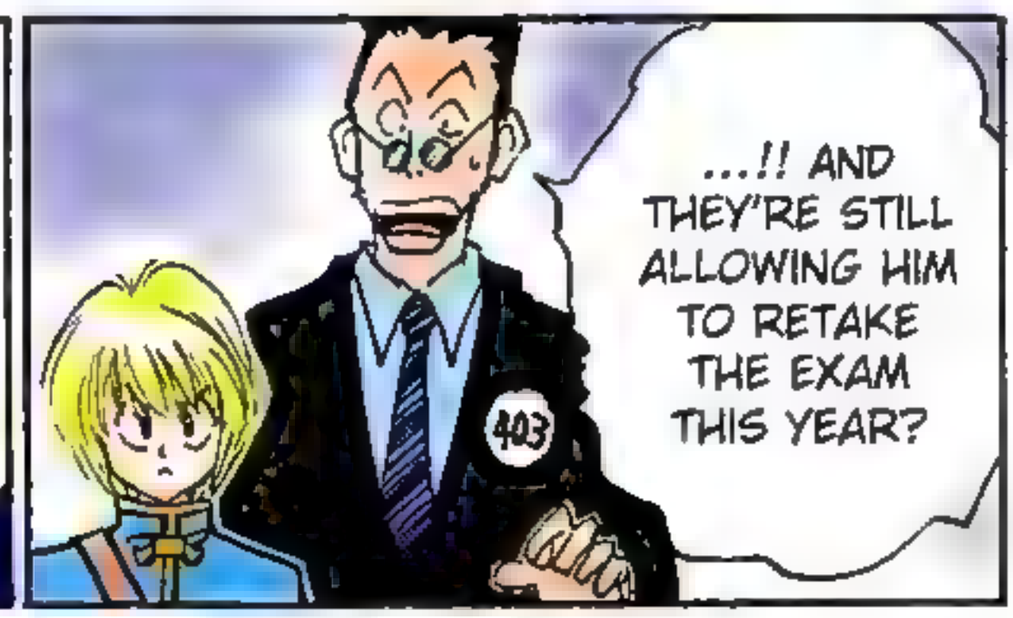

THE EXAMINERS DECIDE THE CONTEST OF THE EXAM.
OF COURSE. THAT'S JUST HOW THE HUNTER EXAM WORKS.


...!! AND THEY'RE STILL ALLOWING HIM TO RETAKE THE EXAM THIS YEAR?
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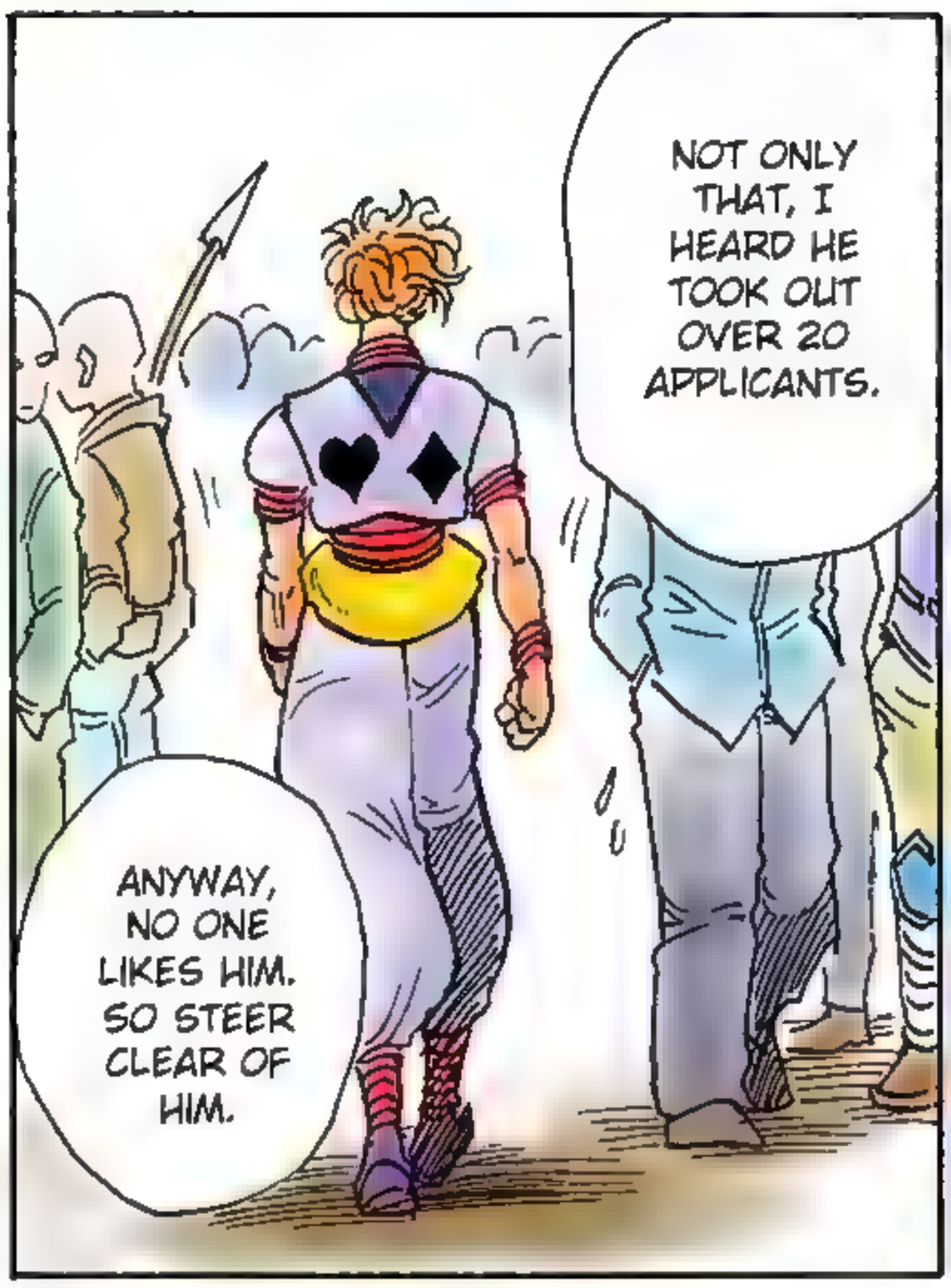
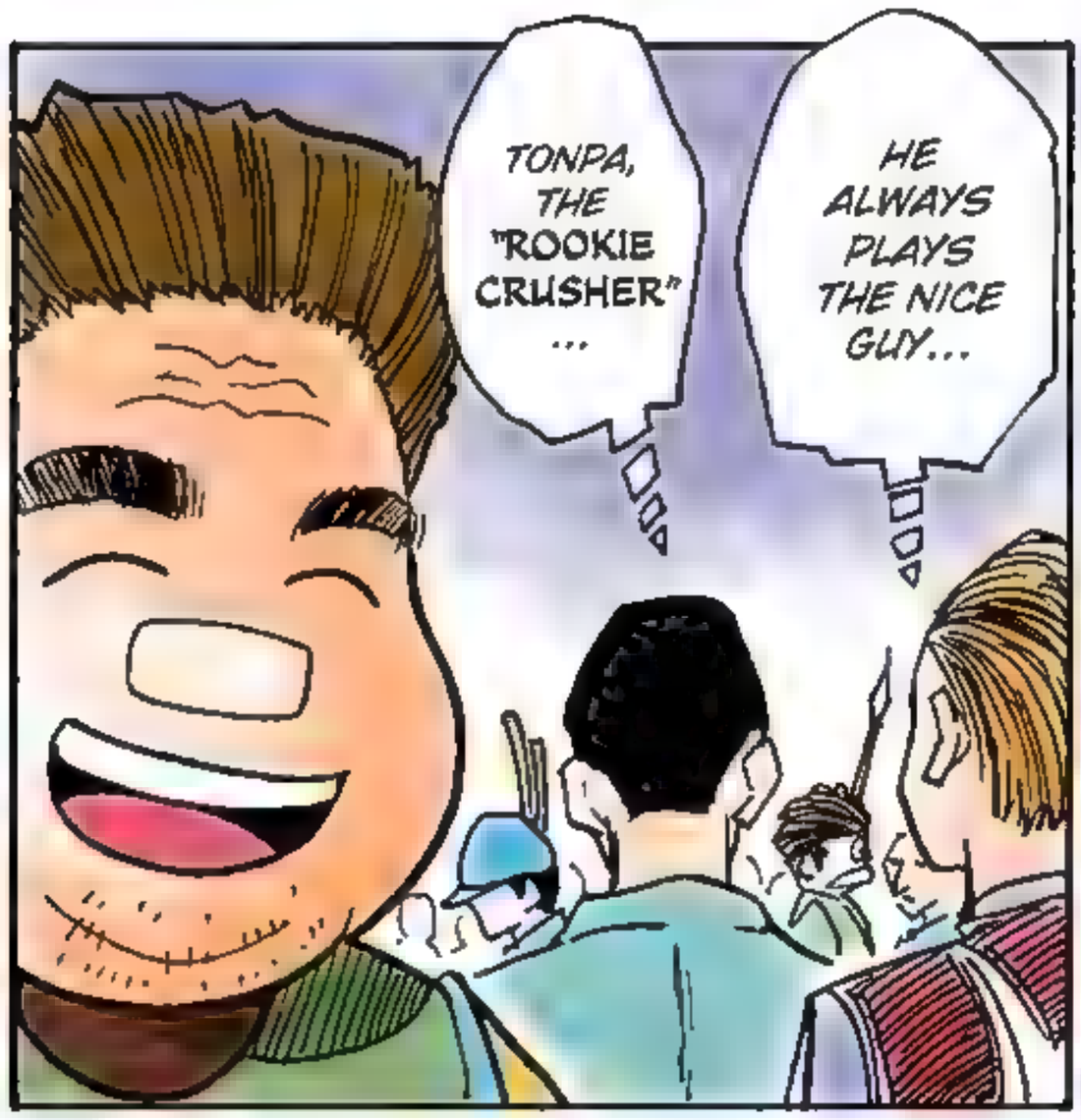

NOT ONLY THAT, I HEARD HE TOOK OUT OVER 20 APPLICANTS.
ANYWAY, NO ONE LIKES HIM. SO STEER CLEAR OF HIM.

EVEN IF THE EXAMINERS SAY "PASS"...
EVEN THE DEVIL CAN PASS THE EXAM.


TONPA, THE "ROOKIE CRUSHER" ...
HE ALWAYS PLAYS THE NICE GUY...

THERE HE GOES.
HE HE HE.
BUT I'LL MAKE SURE TO LET YOU KNOW!
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF OTHER DANGEROUS GUYS HERE.
OK!

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OH, RIGHT.
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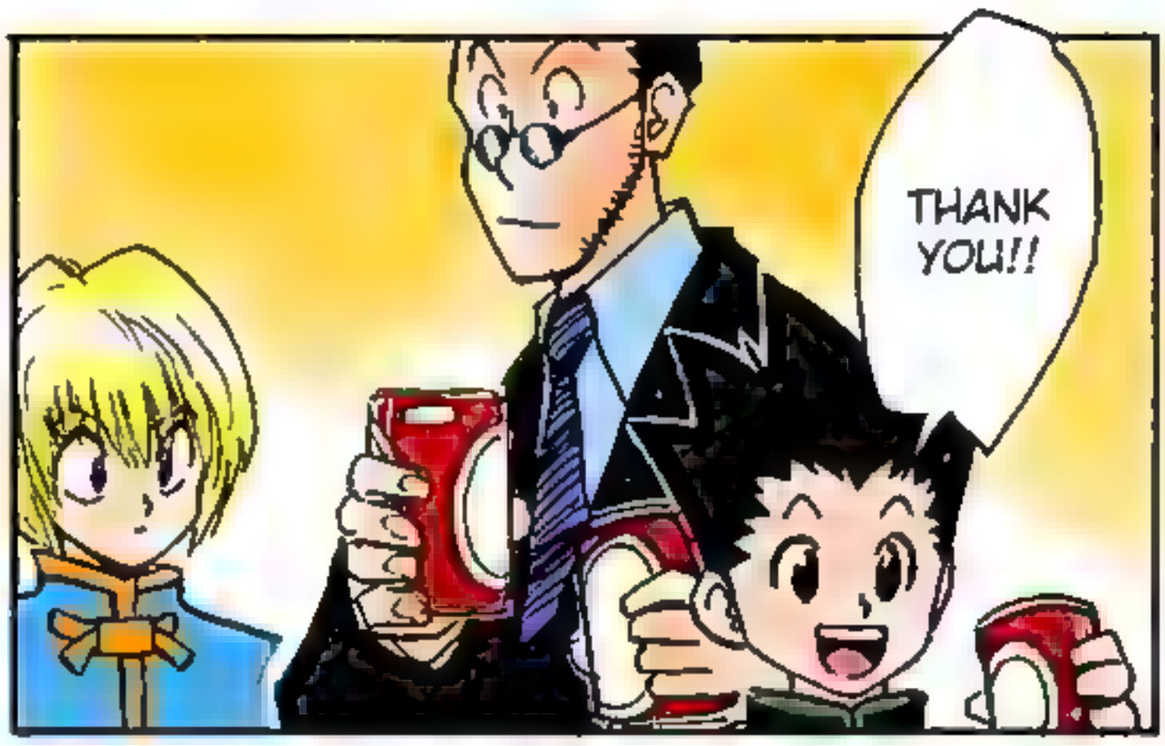
THANK YOU!!

TO OUR FRIENDSHIP AND LUCK.
HOW ABOUT A TOAST?

YOU'LL NEED DIAPERS FOR YOU TO TAKE THE EXAM!!

ONE SIP, AND FOR 3 DAYS YOUR GUTS WILL FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ON A NON-STOP ROLLER COASTER!!

HEHEHE... THAT JUICE I JUST GAVE YOU CONTAINS AN EXTREMELY STRONG LAXATIVE!!

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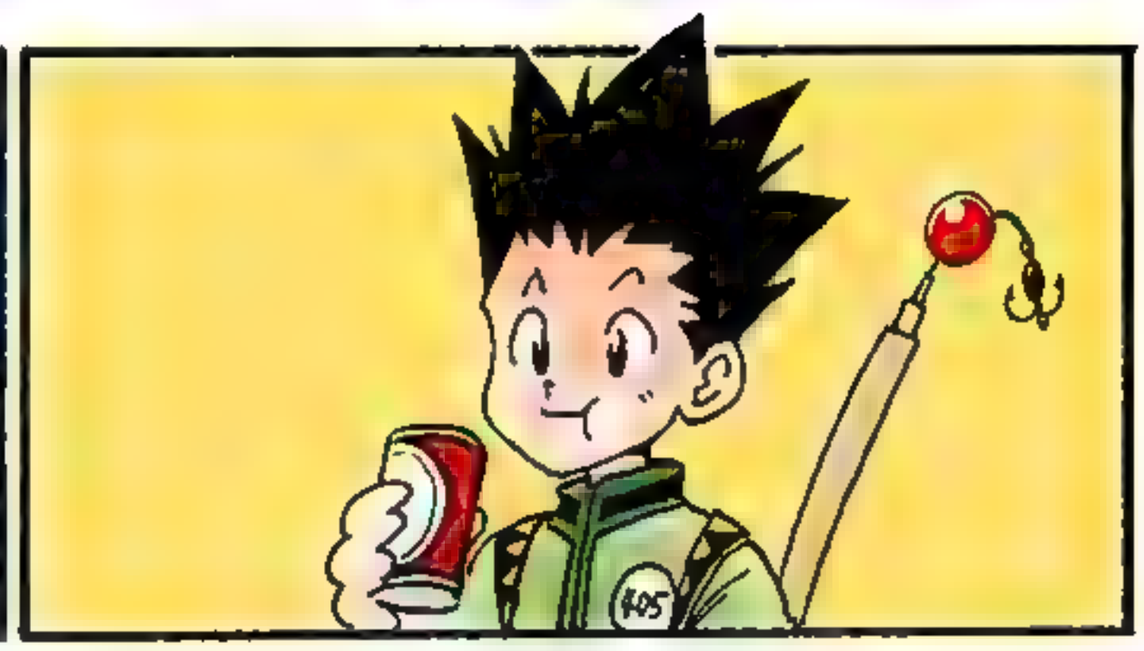

REALLY? ISN'T THAT'S STRANGE ...?

WHAT ?!

HEY TONPA, THIS JUICE MUST HAVE GONE BAD!! IT TASTES FUNNY!

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EH...

DOES THIS KID HAVE SOME KIND OF SUPLEX TASTE BUDS?!

IM-IMPOSSIBLE! THAT LAXATIVE SHOULD HAVE PRACTICALLY NO TASTE NOR SCENT...!

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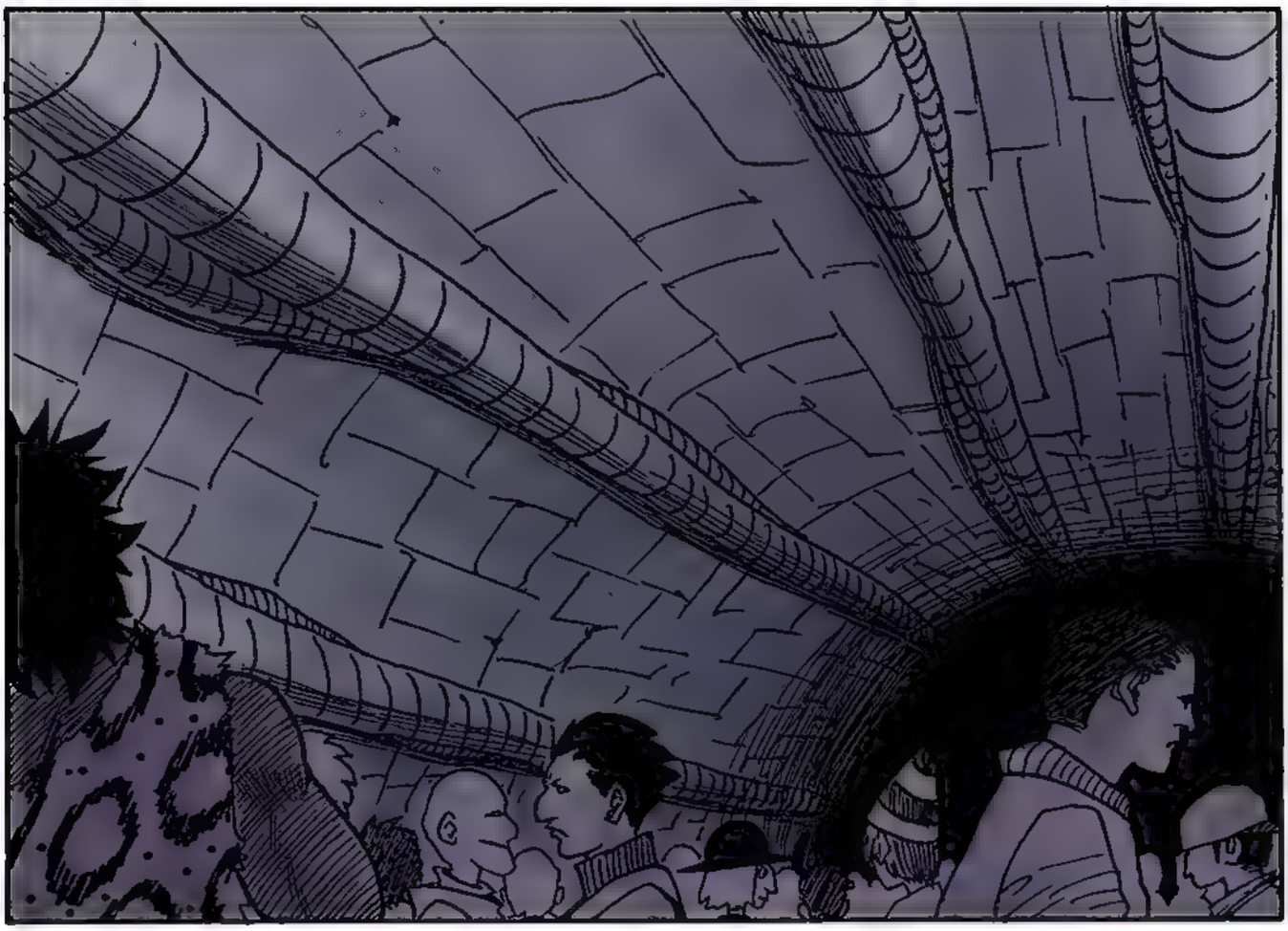
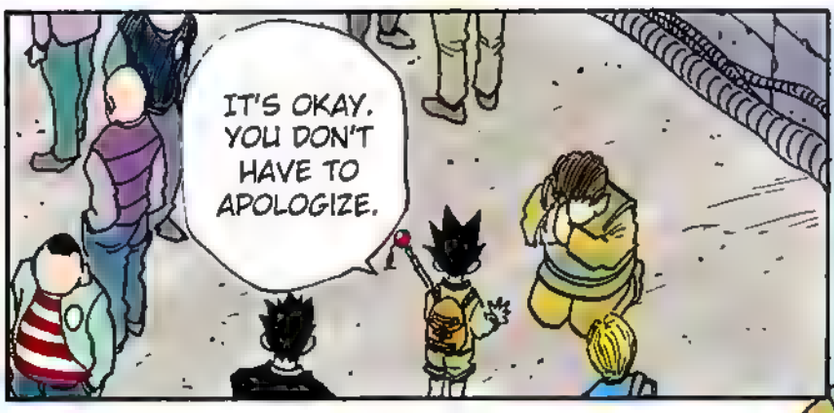
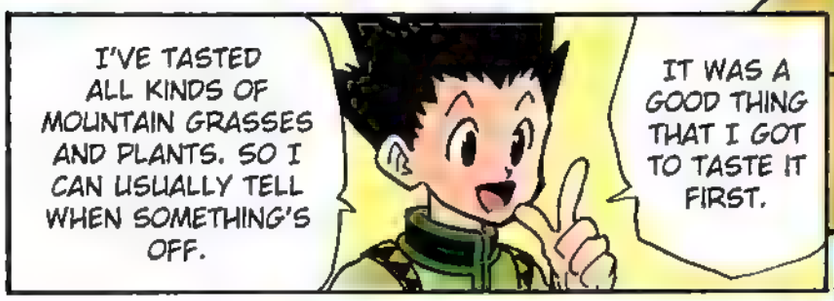
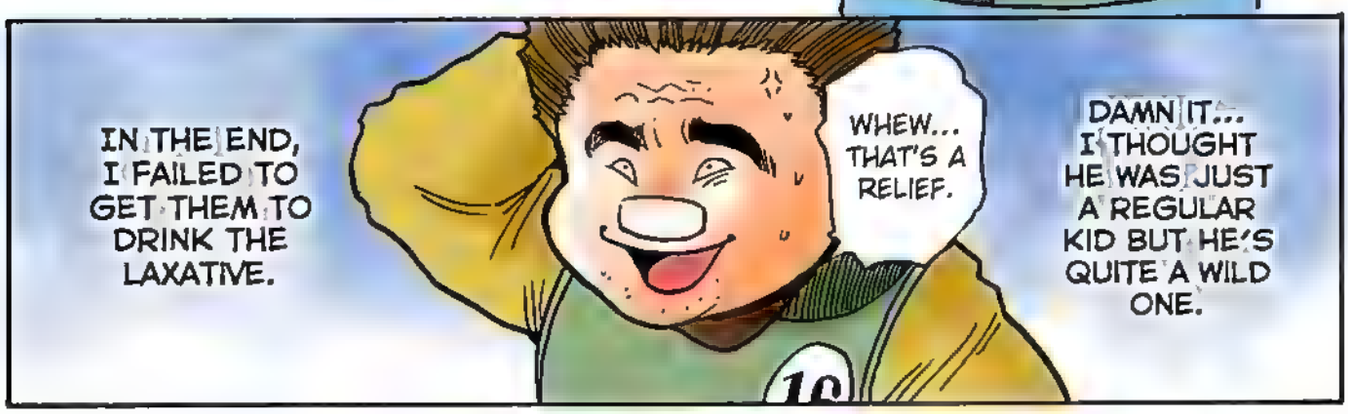
THE FIRST PHASE BEGINS: PART 2

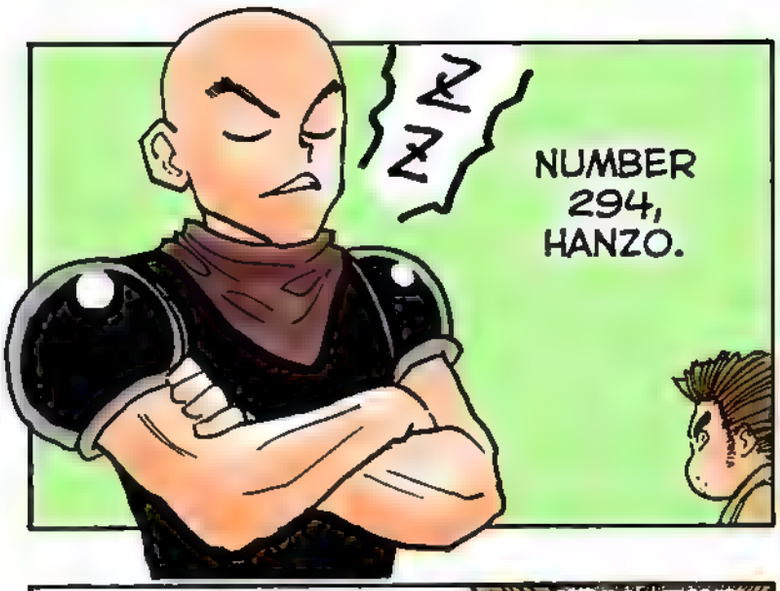



IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.

I'M VERY SORRY!!


I'VE TASTED ALL KINDS OF MOUNTAIN GRASSES AND PLANTS. SO I CAN USUALLY TELL WHEN SOMETHING'S OFF.
IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT I GOT TO TASTE IT FIRST.


IN THE END, I FAILED TO GET THEM TO DRINK THE LAXATIVE.
WHEW... THAT'S A RELIEF.
DAMN IT... I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A REGULAR KID BUT HE'S QUITE A WILD ONE.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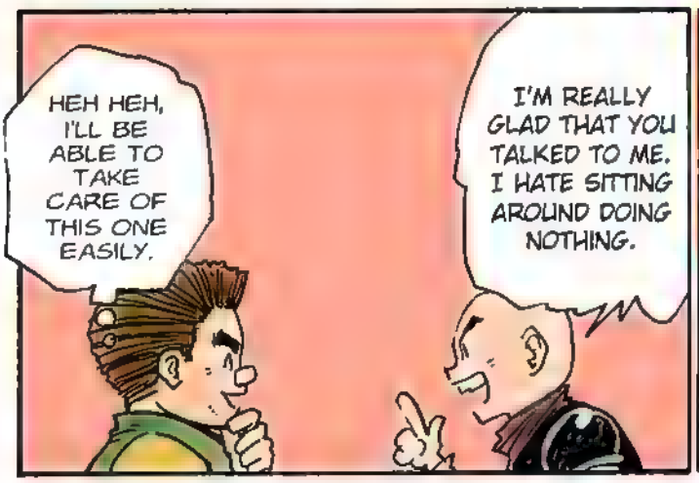
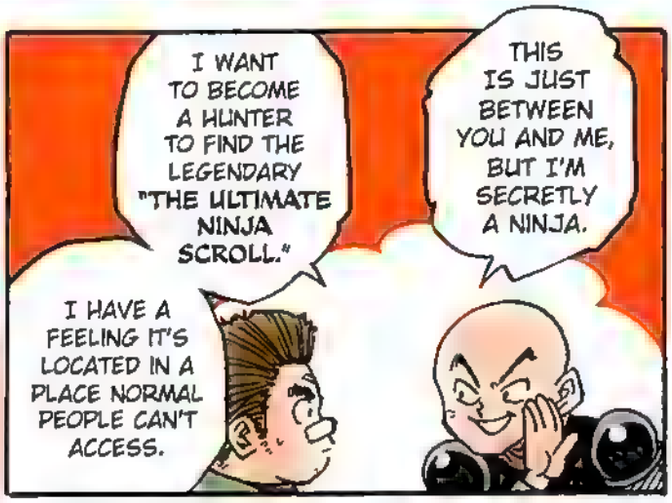
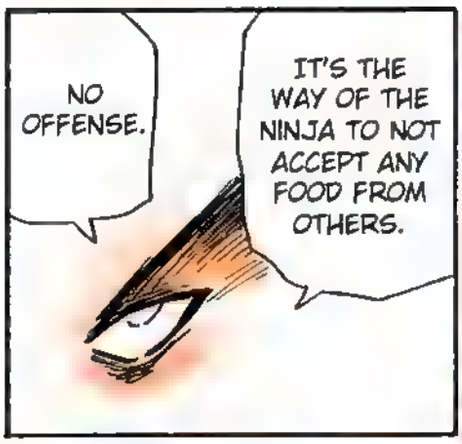
NUMBER 294, HANZO.

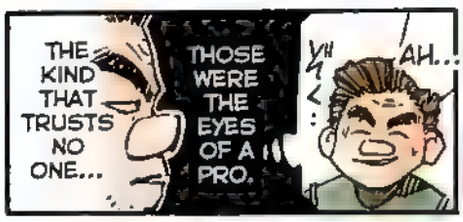
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NEWCOMERS THIS YEAR?
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ALL EXPERIENCED VETERANS.

BLAH BLAH BLAH
HE'LL CHAT ENDLESSLY IF YOU APPROACH HIM BUT...


HEH HEH, I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE EASILY.
I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOU TALKED TO ME. I HATE SITTING AROUND DOING NOTHING.


I WANT TO BECOME A HUNTER TO FIND THE LEGENDARY "THE ULTIMATE NINJA SCROLL."
THIS IS JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, BUT I'M SECRETLY A NINJA.
I HAVE A FEELING IT'S LOCATED IN A PLACE NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T ACCESS.


NO OFFENSE.
IT'S THE WAY OF THE NINJA TO NOT ACCEPT ANY FOOD FROM OTHERS.


THE KIND THAT TRUSTS NO ONE...
THOSE WERE THE EYES OF A PRO.
AH...

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HOW ABOUT WE MAKE A TOAST BEFORE WE CONTINUE?

TOMPA. YES...
HOLD ON A MINUTE.
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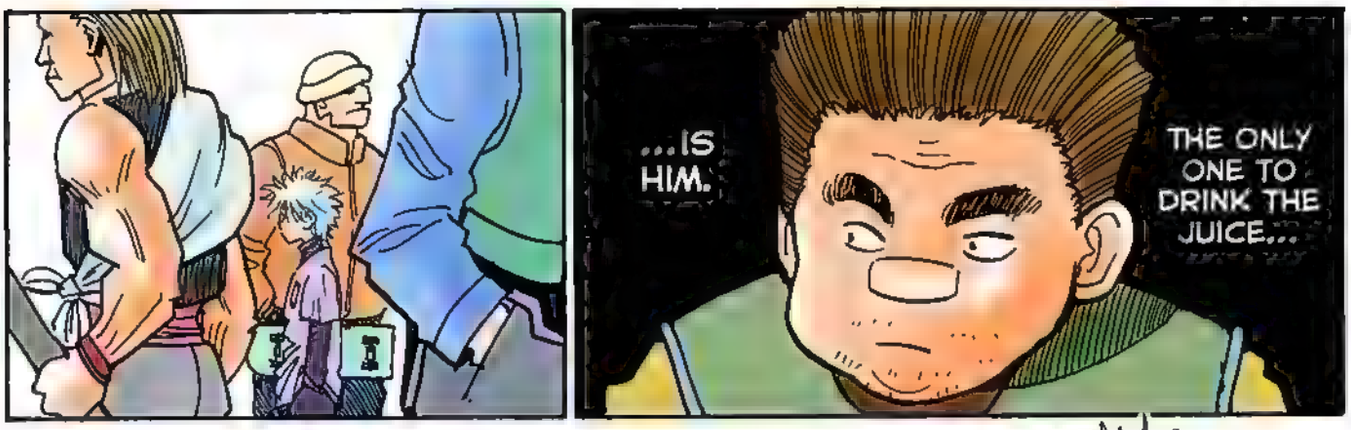
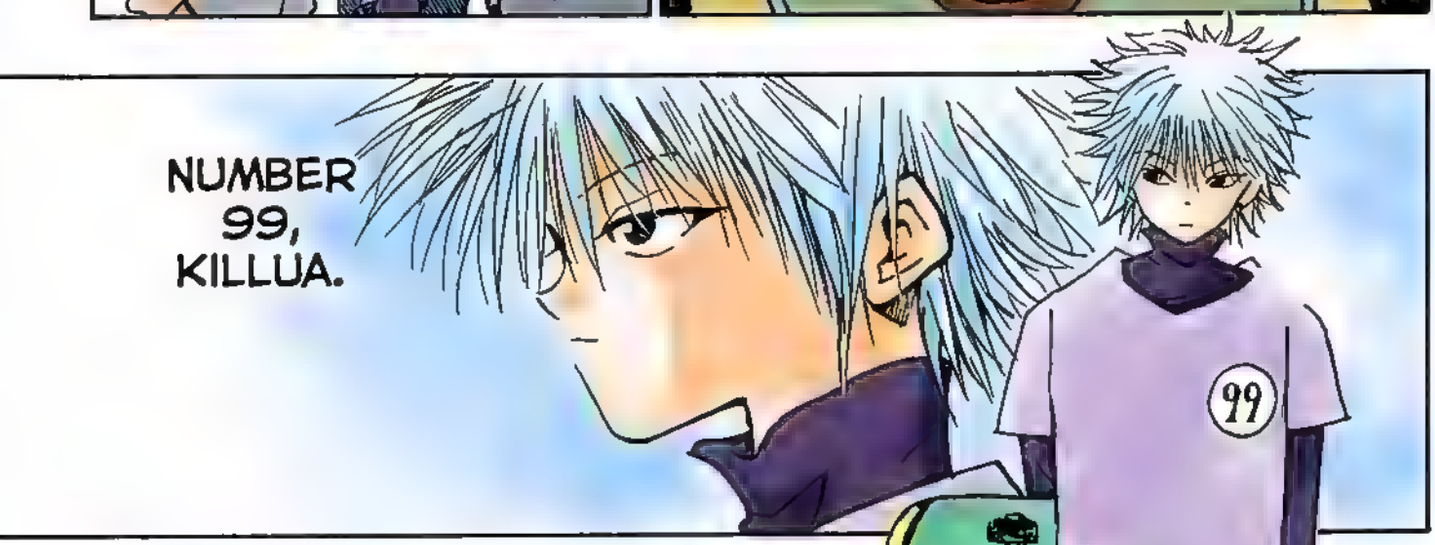
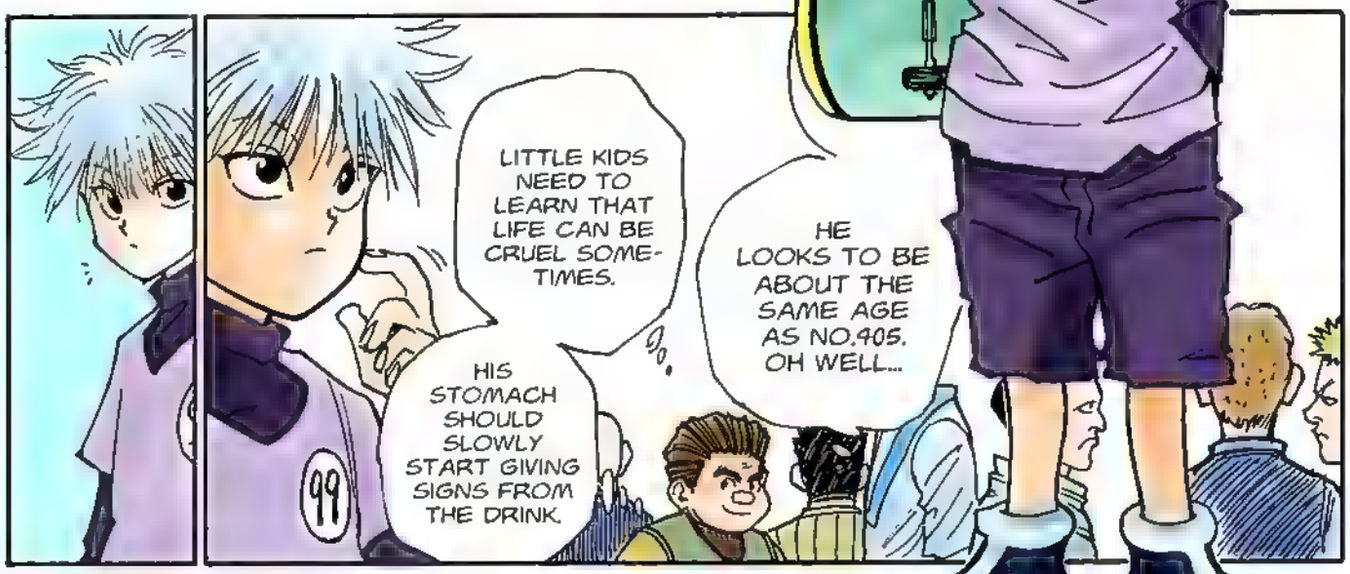
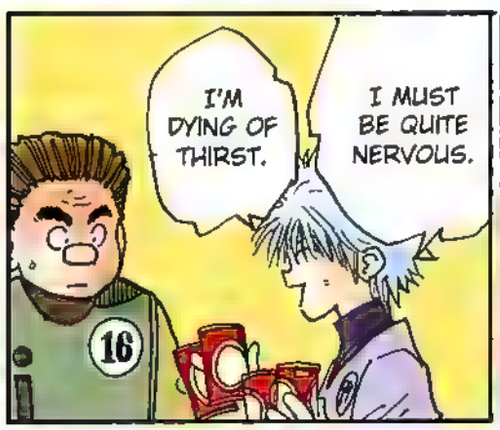
AS FOR NUMBER 156, NICHOLAS.
187
AND THE 30 CONSECUTIVE MAIN EXAM ENTRIES IS THE FIRST OF ALL TIME. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.
AH, THERE YOU ARE. 35 CONSECUTIVE ENTRIES. THIS IS RANKED SECOND 2ND HIGHEST FOR MOST TRIES.
TOMPA "THE ROOKIE CRUSHER"...
FORGIVE ME, BUT I'LL HAVE TO PASS ON THAT JUICE.
IT MIGHT MEAN THAT DESPITE YOUR REPEATED HIGH MARKS IN THE EXAMS, YOU NEVER PASS BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS FOCUSED ON AN "ULTERIOR MOTIVE," AM I RIGHT?
KAGLAA KAGLAA KAGLAA KAGLAA
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THE NERVE TO APPROACH HIM.
301
AND THERE'S NUMBER 301.

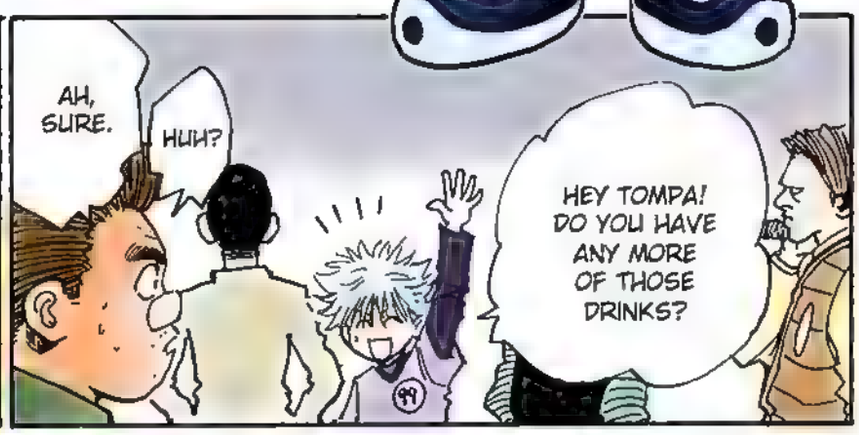


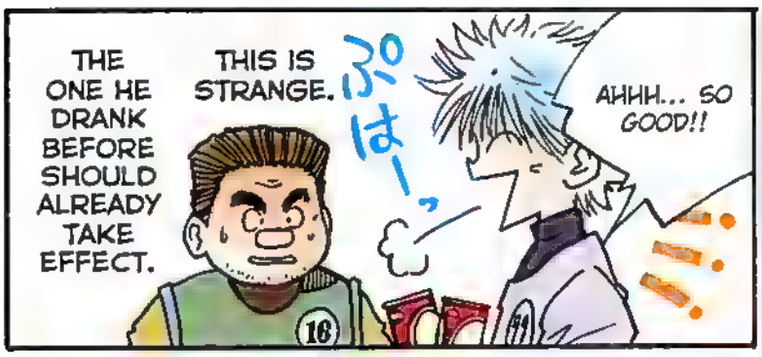
...IS HIM.
THE ONLY ONE TO DRINK THE JUICE...


NUMBER 99, KILLUA.


LITTLE KIDS NEED TO LEARN THAT LIFE CAN BE CRUEL SOMETIMES.
HIS STOMACH SHOULD SLOWLY START GIVING SIGNS FROM THE DRINK.
HE LOOKS TO BE ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS NO.405. OH WELL...


I'M DYING OF THIRST.
I MUST BE QUITE NERVOUS.


AH, SURE.
HUH?
HEY TOMPA! DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE OF THOSE DRINKS?


THE ONE HE DRANK BEFORE SHOULD ALREADY TAKE EFFECT.
THIS IS STRANGE.
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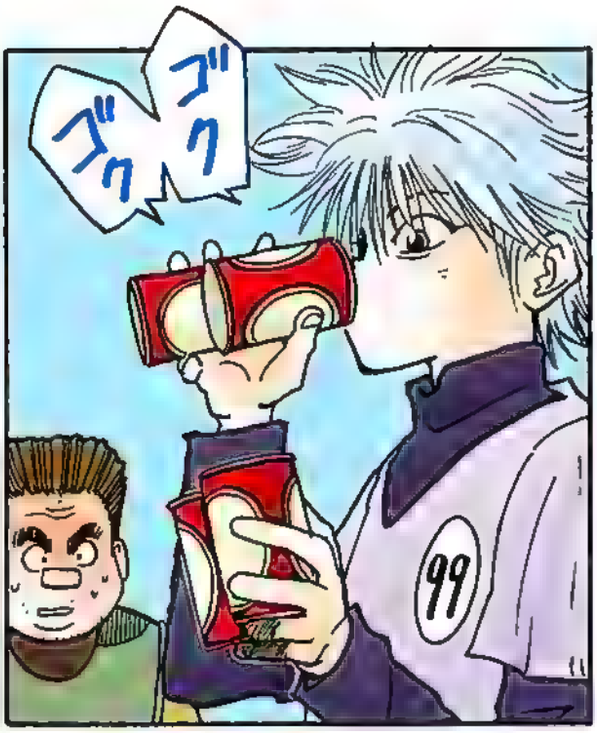
AHHH... SO GOOD!!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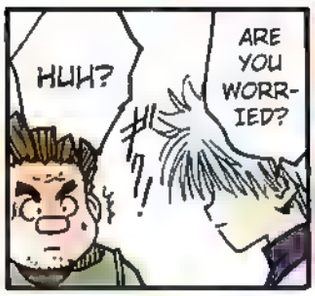
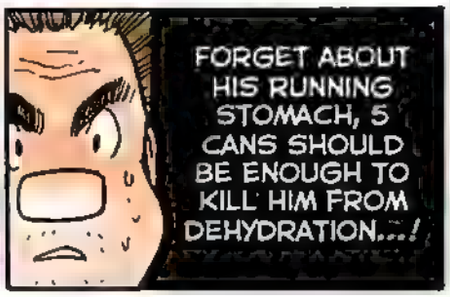
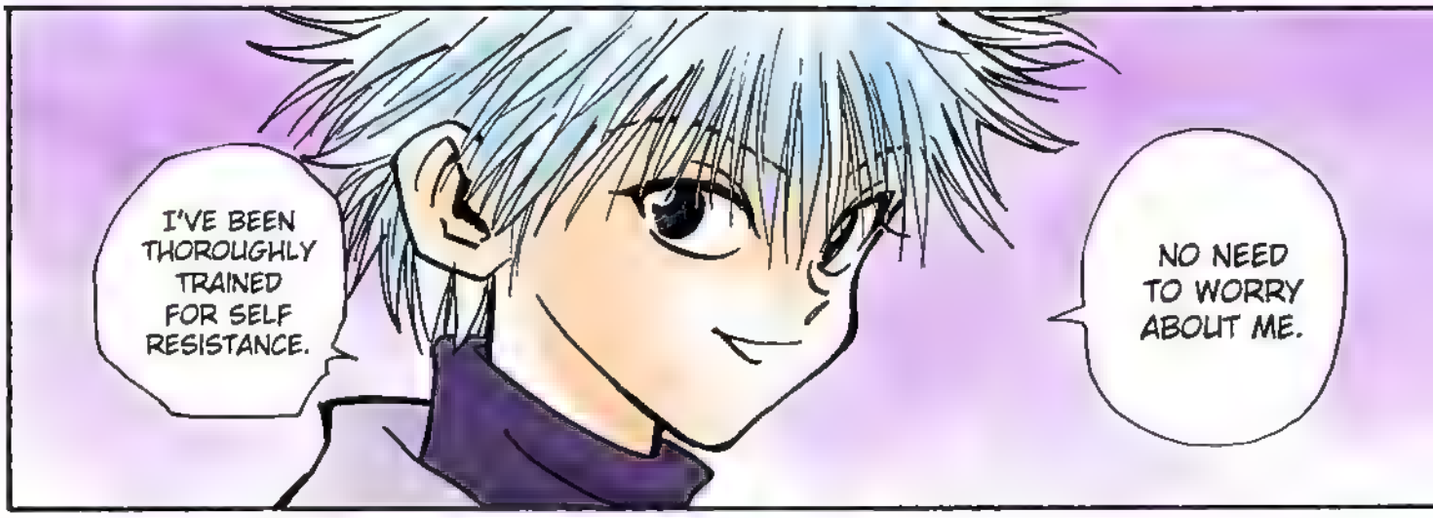
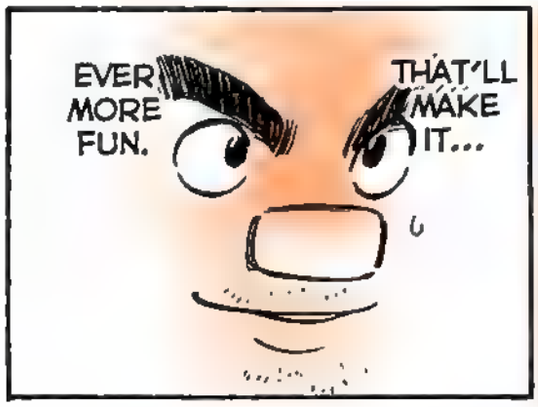

HUH?
ARE YOU WORRIED?

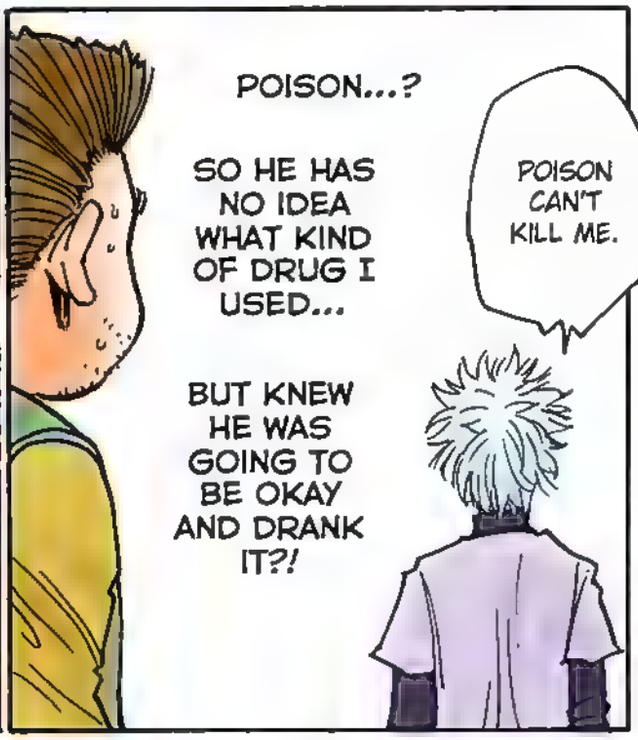

FORGET ABOUT HIS RUNNING STOMACH, 5 CANS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO KILL HIM FROM DEHYDRATION...!

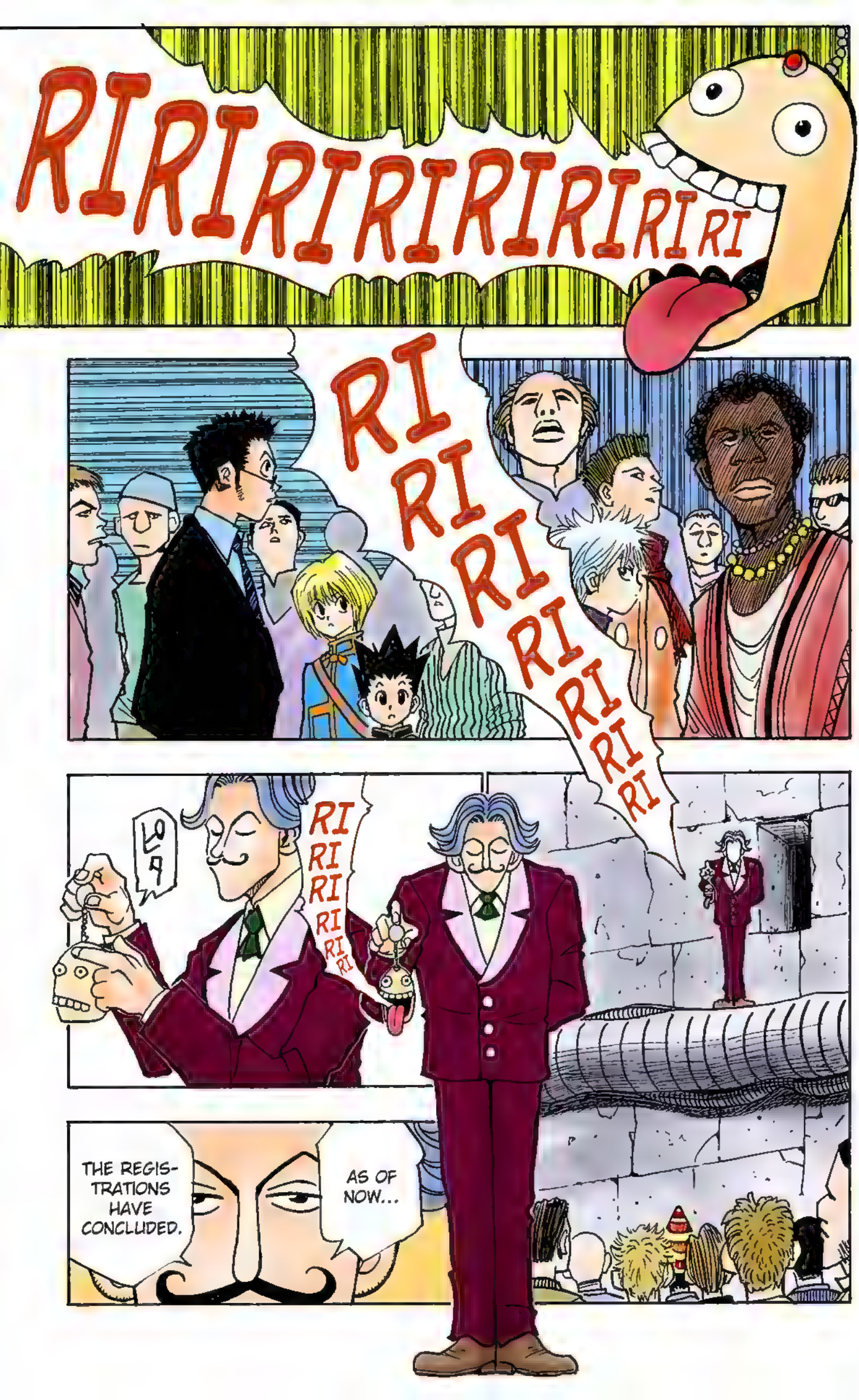

I'VE BEEN THOROUGHLY TRAINED FOR SELF RESISTANCE.
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME.

THIS YEAR'S ROOKIES REALLY ARE QUITE A BUNCH.


EVER MORE FUN.
THAT'LL MAKE IT...

HEH


POISON...?
SO HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF DRUG I USED...
BUT KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE OKAY AND DRANK IT?!
POISON CAN'T KILL ME.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THE REGIS-TRATIONS HAVE CONCLUDED.
AS OF NOW...

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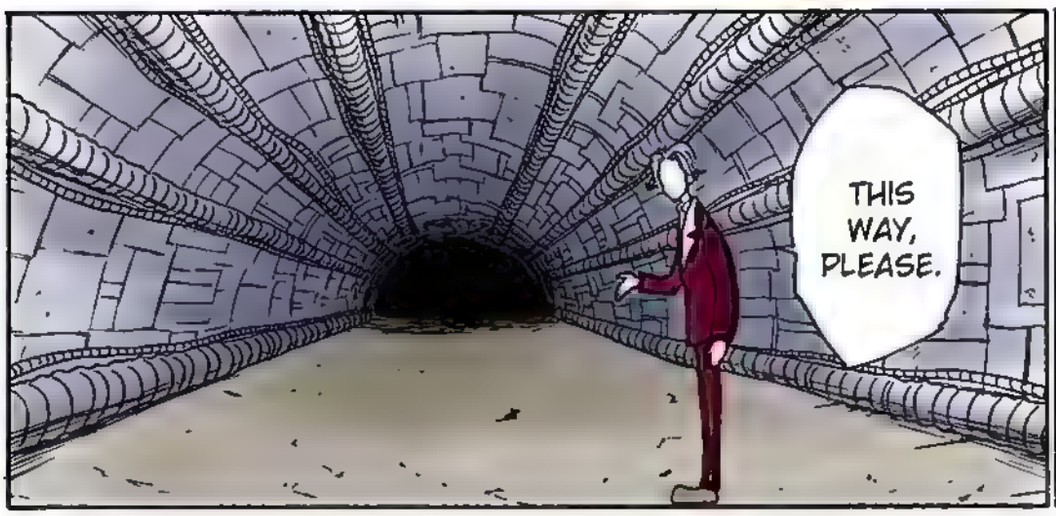
THE HUNTER EXAM WILL NOW BEGIN.


THIS WAY, PLEASE.

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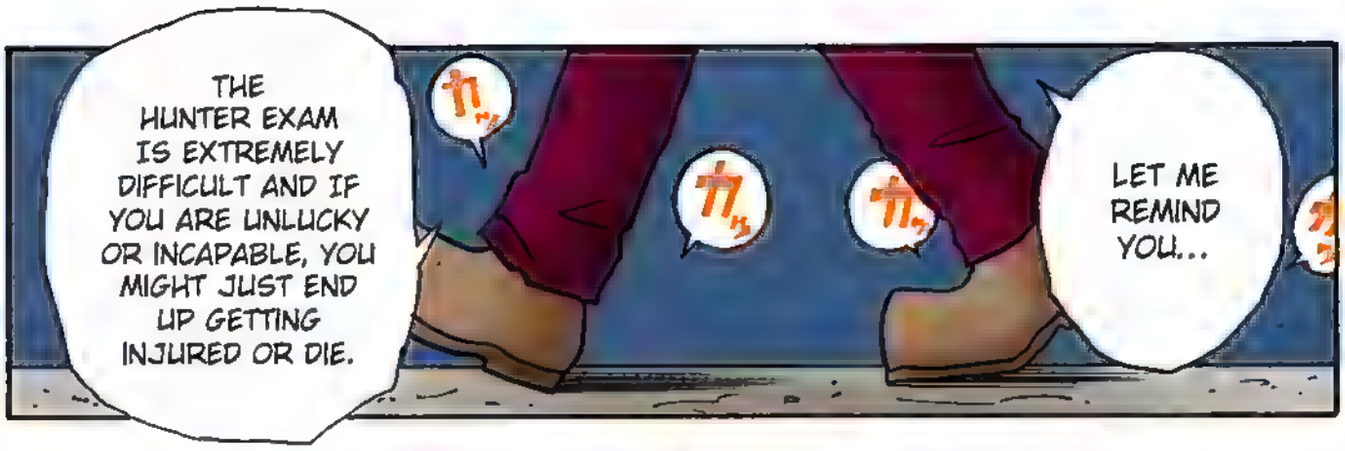
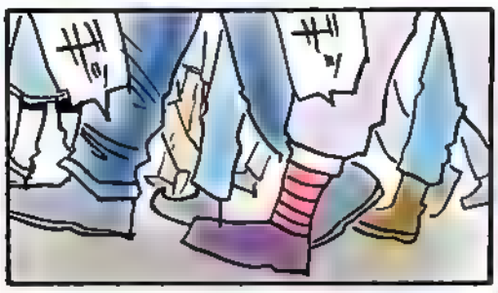

THE HUNTER EXAM IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND IF YOU ARE UNLUCKY OR INCAPABLE, YOU MIGHT JUST END UP GETTING INJURED OR DIE.
LET ME REMIND YOU...



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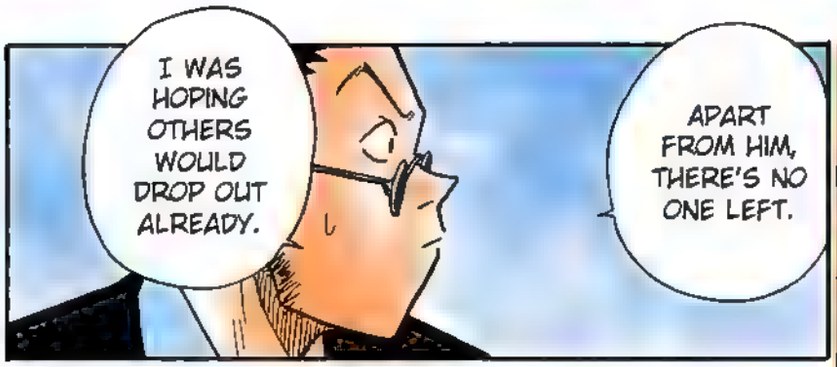
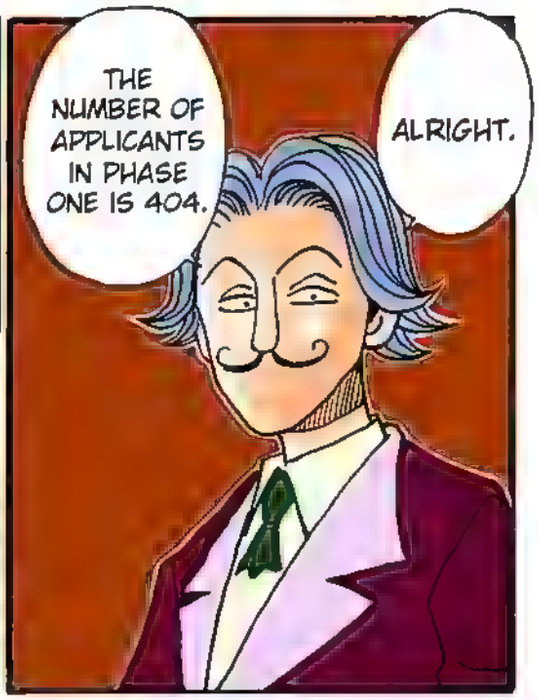
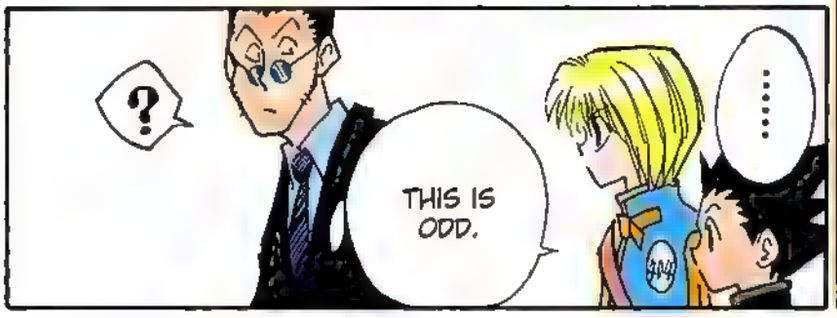
...YOU'RE WELCOME TO FOLLOW.
THOSE WHO DON'T FEAR THE RISK...

THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS TIMES WHERE EXAMINEES HAVE BEEN SABOTAGED BY OTHERS.


I WAS HOPING OTHERS WOULD DROP OUT ALREADY.
APART FROM HIM, THERE'S NO ONE LEFT.


THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS IN PHASE ONE IS 404.
ALRIGHT.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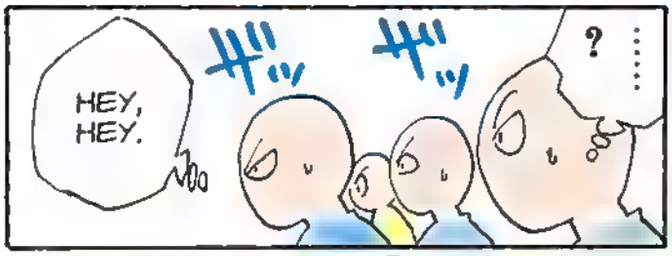
HEY, HEY.
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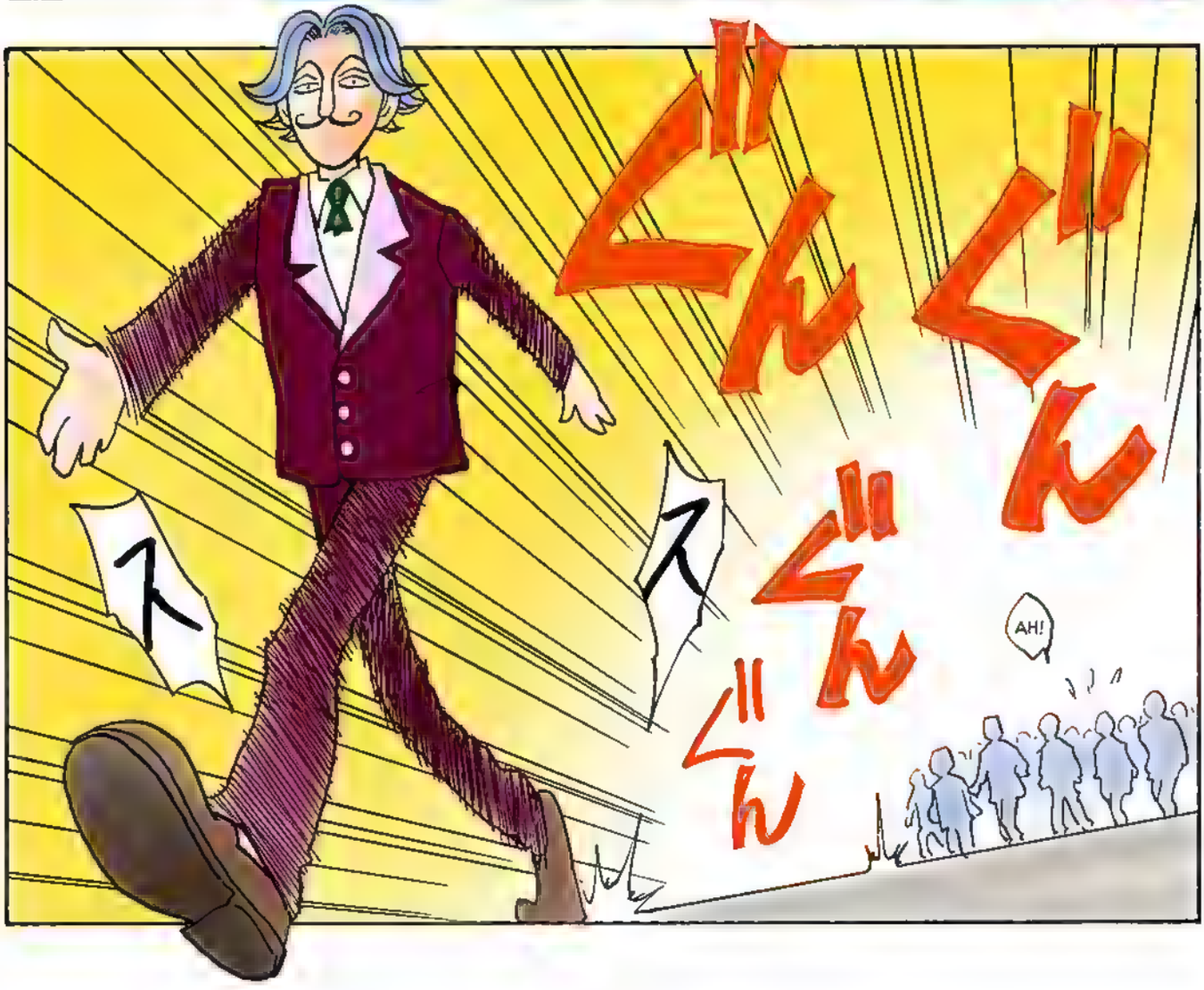
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AH!

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DAMN.
IS EVERYONE STARTING TO PICK UP THE PACE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE PEOPLE UP FRONT ARE EVEN RUNNING!!
THE PACE IS ACCELERATING!
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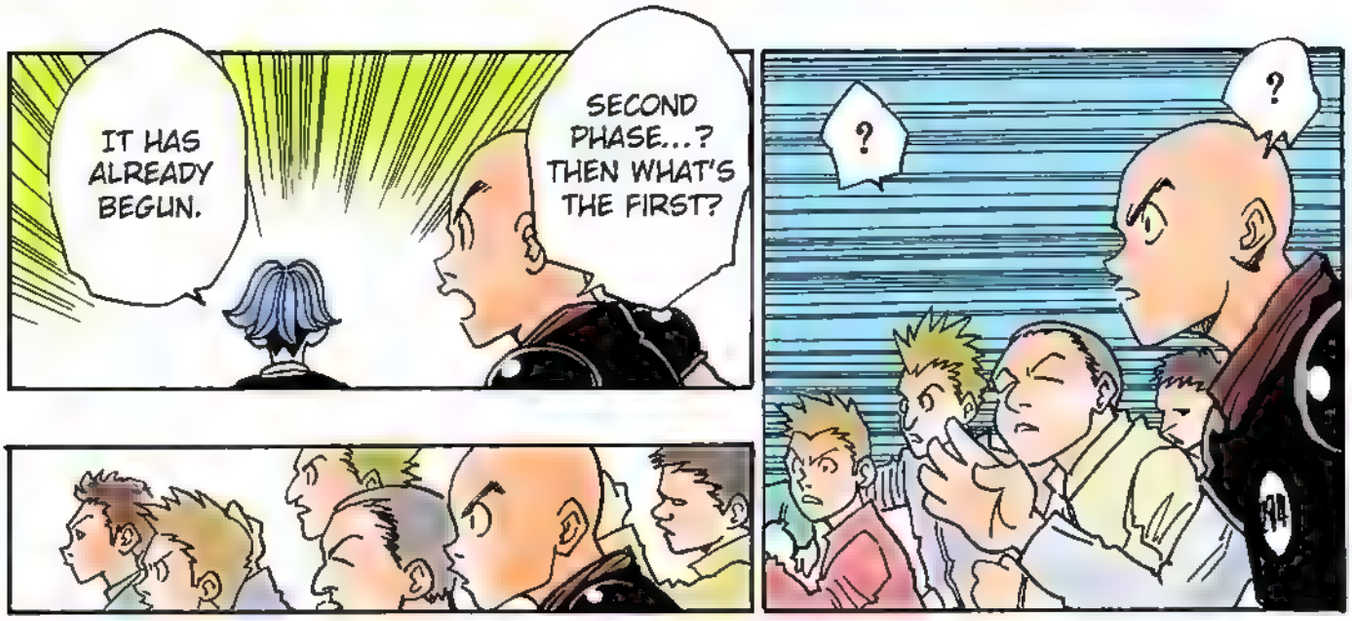
YOU WILL ALL FOLLOW MY LEAD TO THE SECOND PHASE.
I AM SATOTZ, YOUR EXAMINER FOR THIS FIRST PHASE OF THE EXAM...


IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
SECOND PHASE...? THEN WHAT'S THE FIRST?
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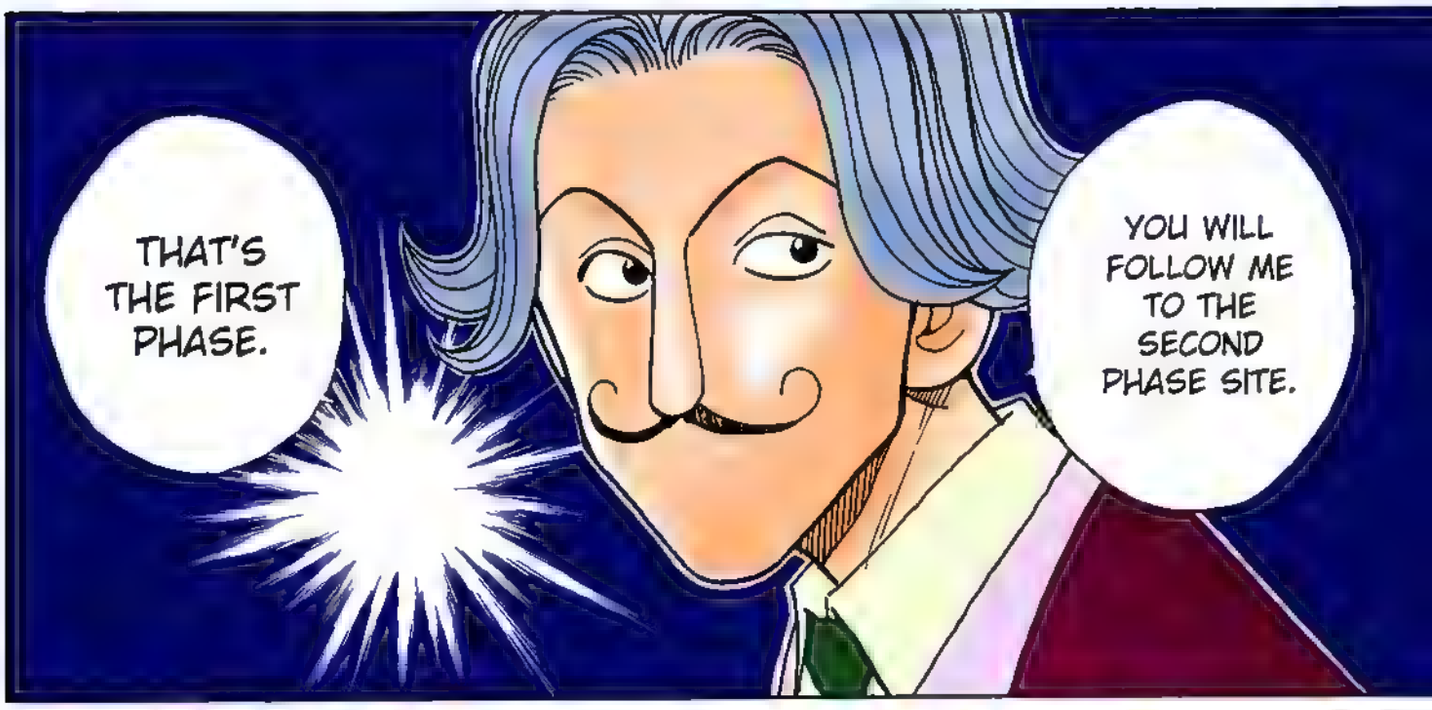
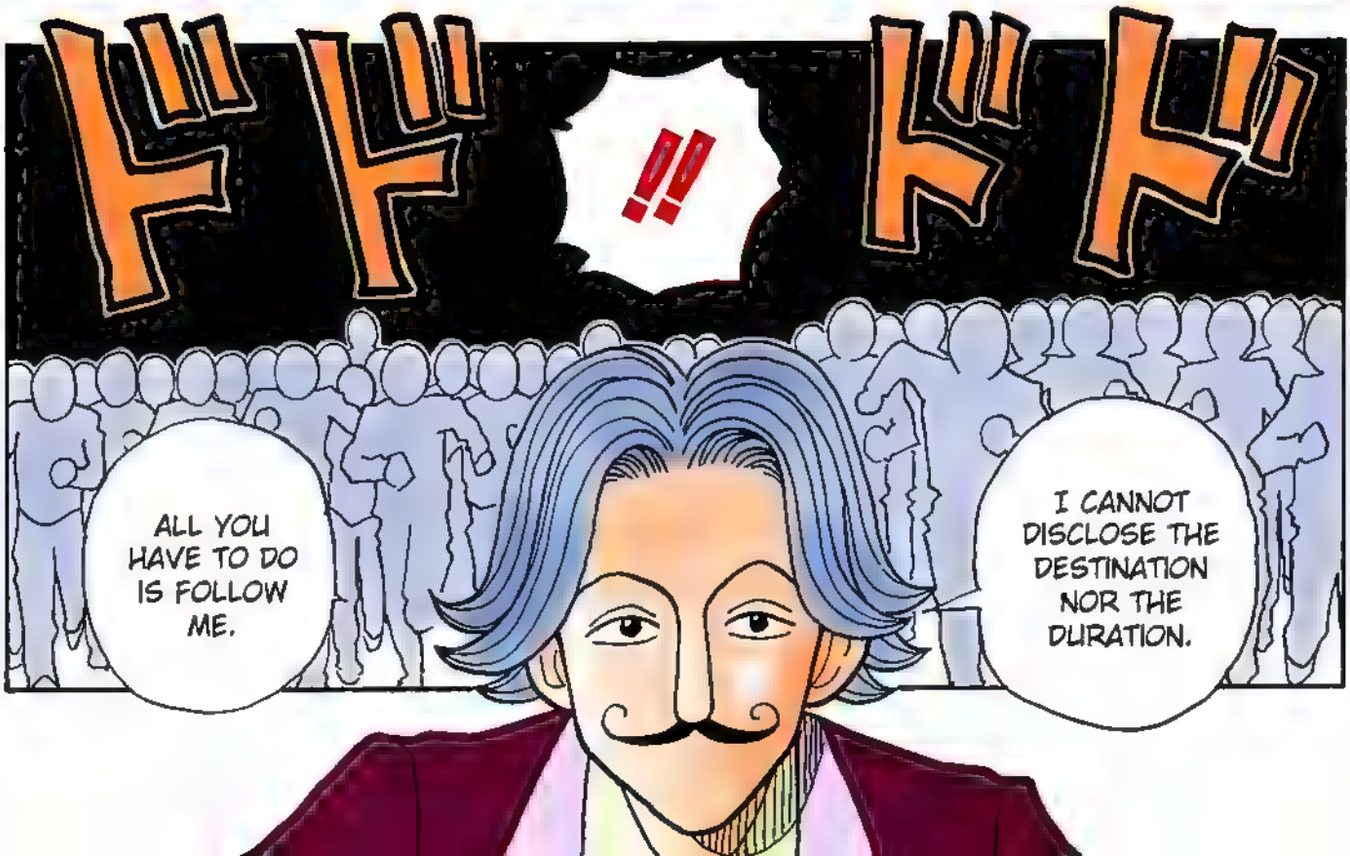

THAT'S THE FIRST PHASE.
YOU WILL FOLLOW ME TO THE SECOND PHASE SITE.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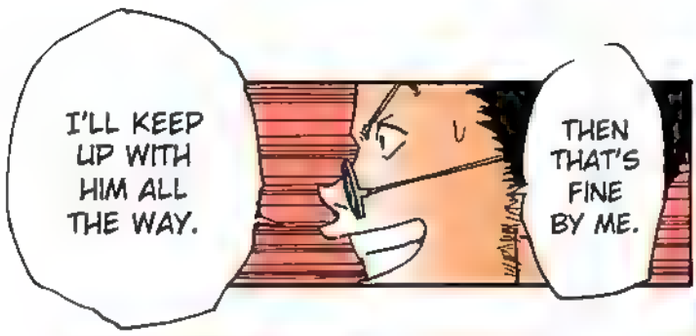
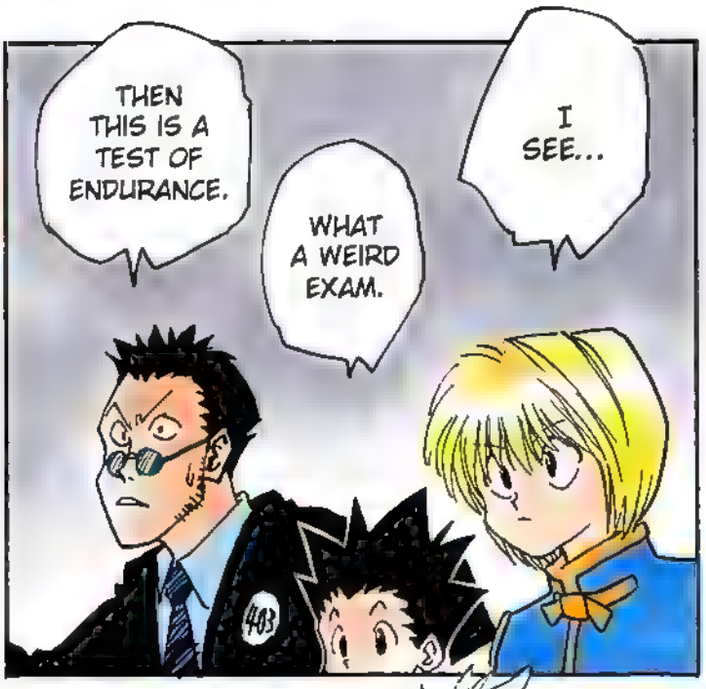
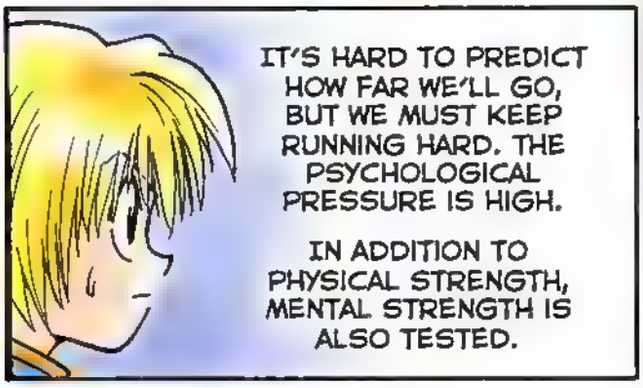
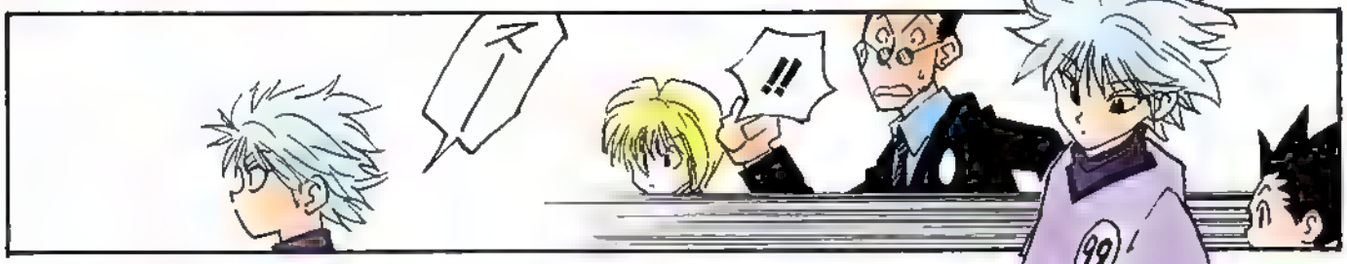
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW ME.
I CANNOT DISCLOSE THE DESTINATION NOR THE DURATION.


I'LL KEEP UP WITH HIM ALL THE WAY.
THEN THAT'S FINE BY ME.


THEN THIS IS A TEST OF ENDURANCE.
WHAT A WEIRD EXAM.
I SEE...


IT'S HARD TO PREDICT HOW FAR WE'LL GO, BUT WE MUST KEEP RUNNING HARD. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE IS HIGH.
IN ADDITION TO PHYSICAL STRENGTH, MENTAL STRENGTH IS ALSO TESTED.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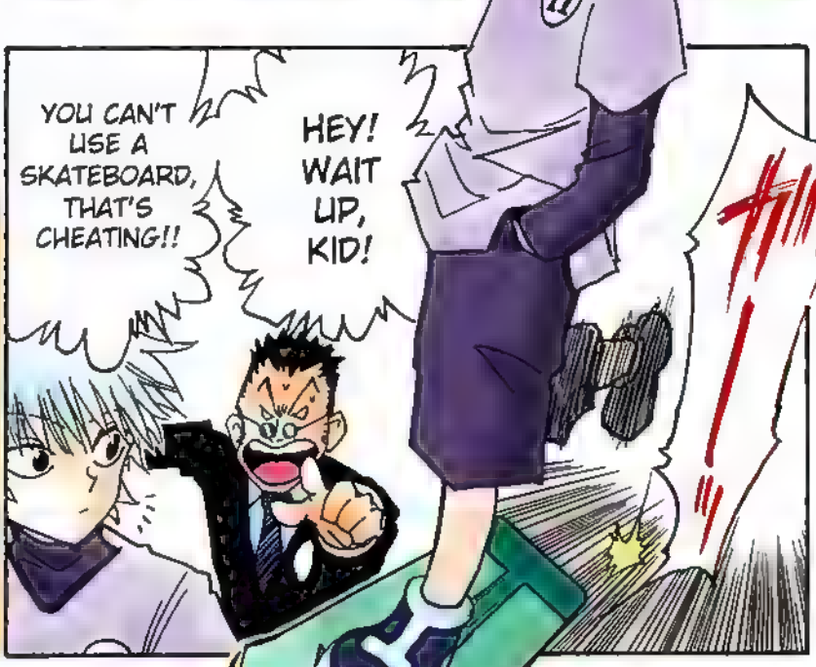
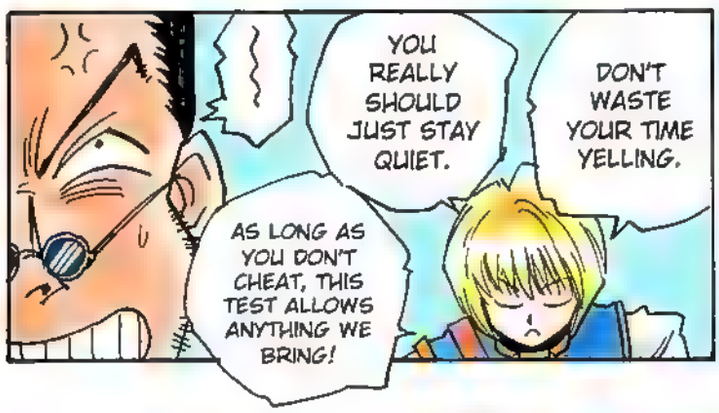
BECAUSE THIS IS AN ENDURANCE TEST!
HOW SO...
HOW?


YOU CAN'T USE A SKATEBOARD, THAT'S CHEATING!!
HEY! WAIT UP, KID!


YOU REALLY SHOULD JUST STAY QUIET.
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME YELLING.
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T CHEAT, THIS TEST ALLOWS ANYTHING WE BRING!

GON!! WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON, HUH?!
NO, IT ISN'T. THE EXAMINER ONLY SAID TO FOLLOW HIM.

HMM...
I'M 12 YEARS OLD!
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
HEY.
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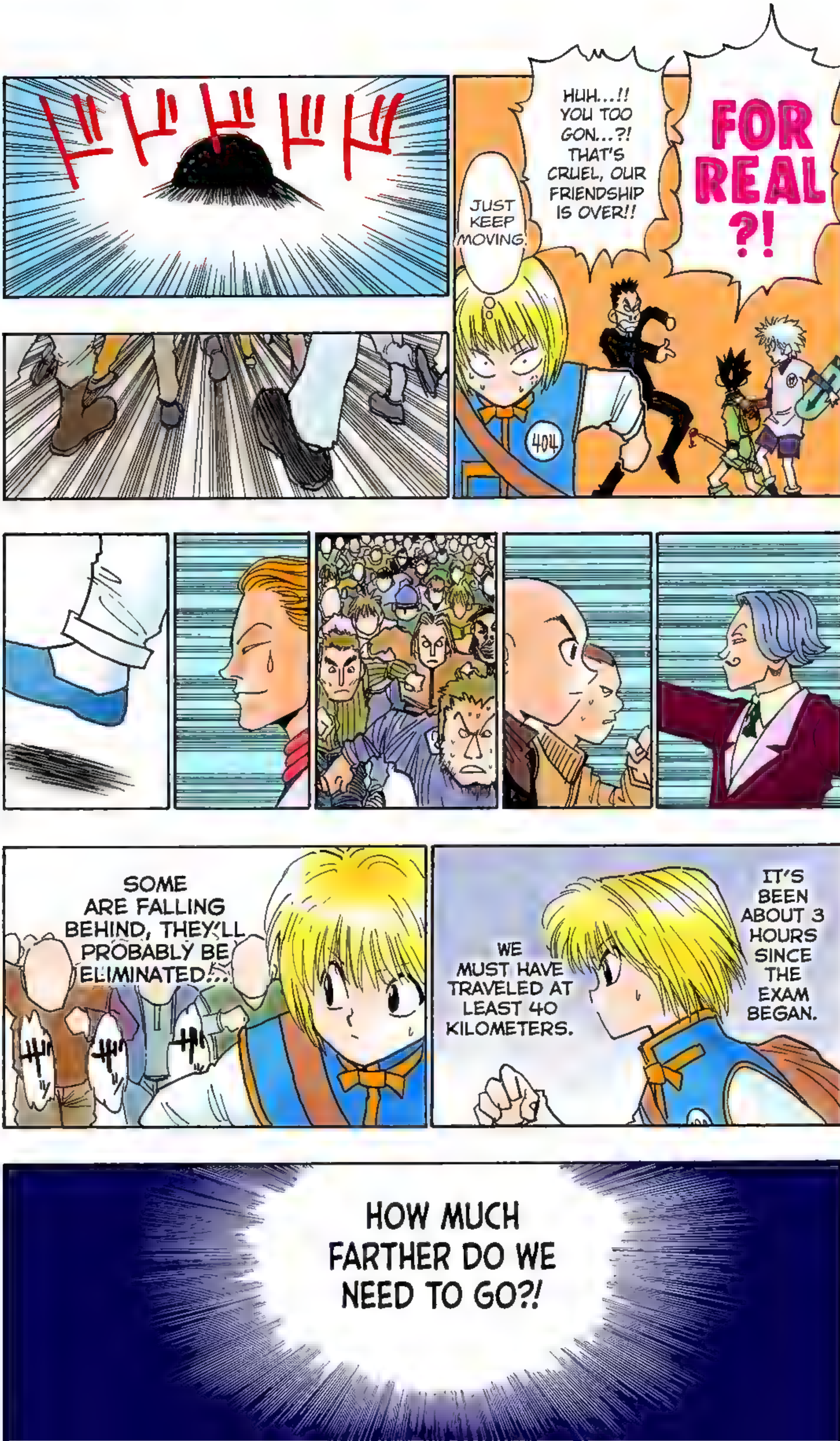
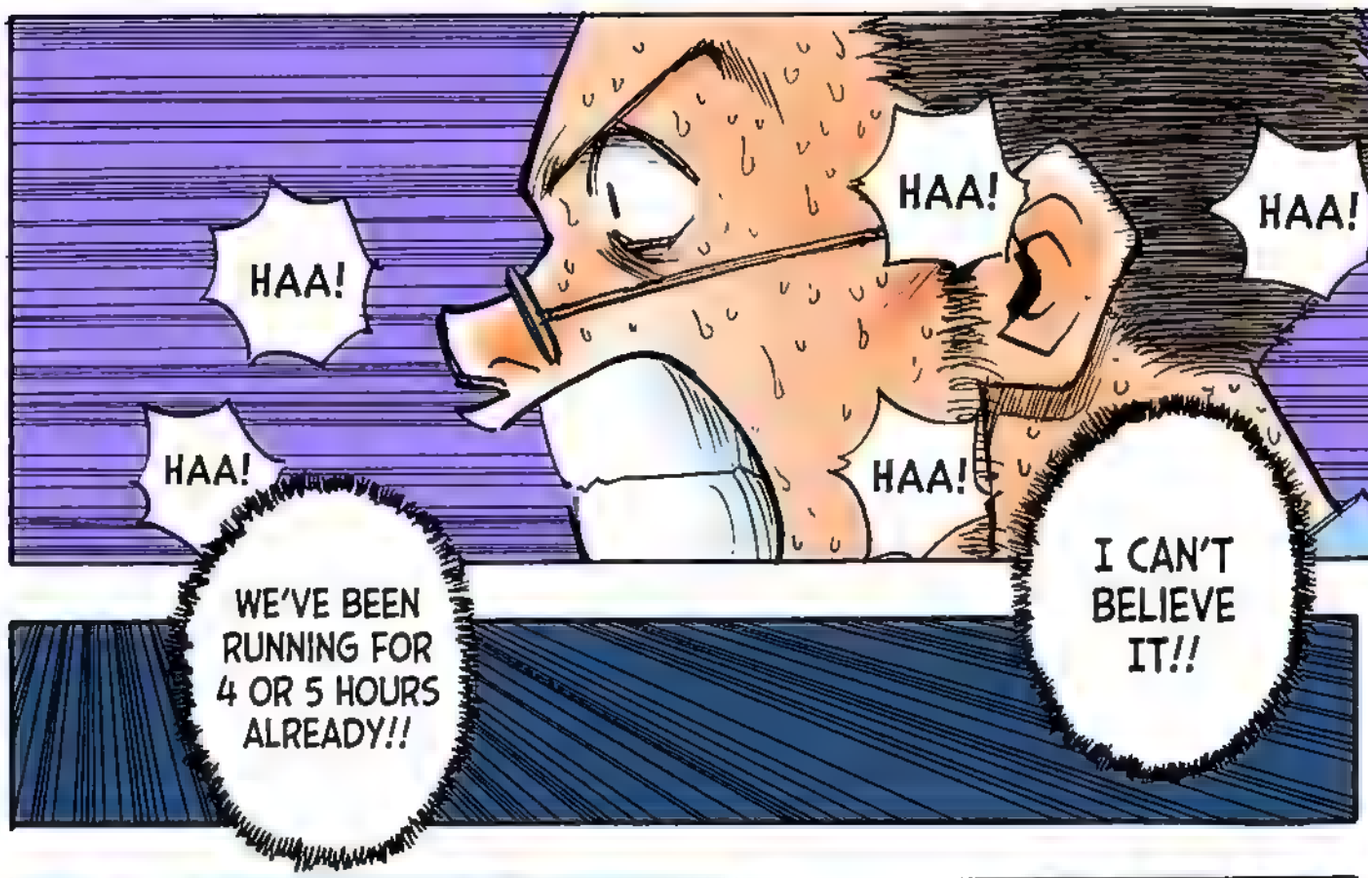
WE'RE THE SAME AGE.
COOL!
I'M KILLUA.
WOW
GUESS I'LL RUN TOO.
I'M GON!
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M STILL IN MY TEENS LIKE YOU GUYS!!
OLD MAN ...
HEY, OLD MAN. HOW OLD ARE YOU?



JUST KEEP MOVING.
HUH...!! YOU TOO GON...?! THAT'S CRUEL, OUR FRIENDSHIP IS OVER!!
FOR REAL ?!
SOME ARE FALLING BEHIND, THEY'LL PROBABLY BE ELIMINATED...
IT'S BEEN ABOUT 3 HOURS SINCE THE EXAM BEGAN.
WE MUST HAVE TRAVELED AT LEAST 40 KILOMETERS.
HOW MUCH FARTHER DO WE NEED TO GO?!


HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
WE'VE BEEN RUNNING FOR 4 OR 5 HOURS ALREADY!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!

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HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
YOU OKAY?

WHY HASN'T ANYONE DROPPED OUT YET?!
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NO...!! THE APPLICANTS WHO MADE IT TO THE MAIN EXAM...
I UNDERES-TIMATED THE HUNTER EXAM.

I UNDERE-STIMATED THEM.
HAA!
HAA!
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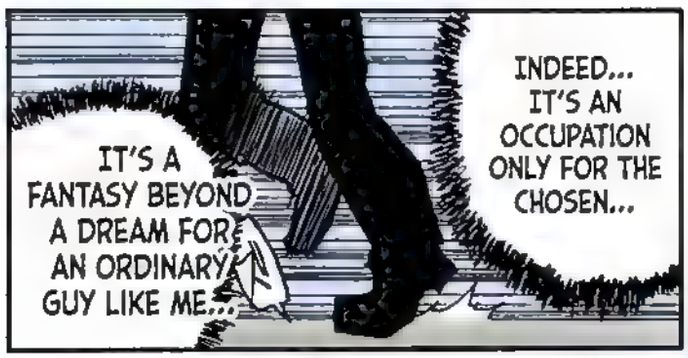
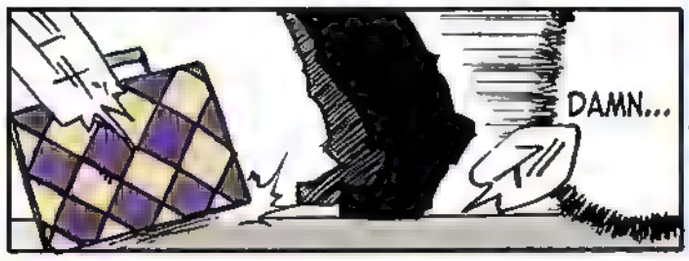
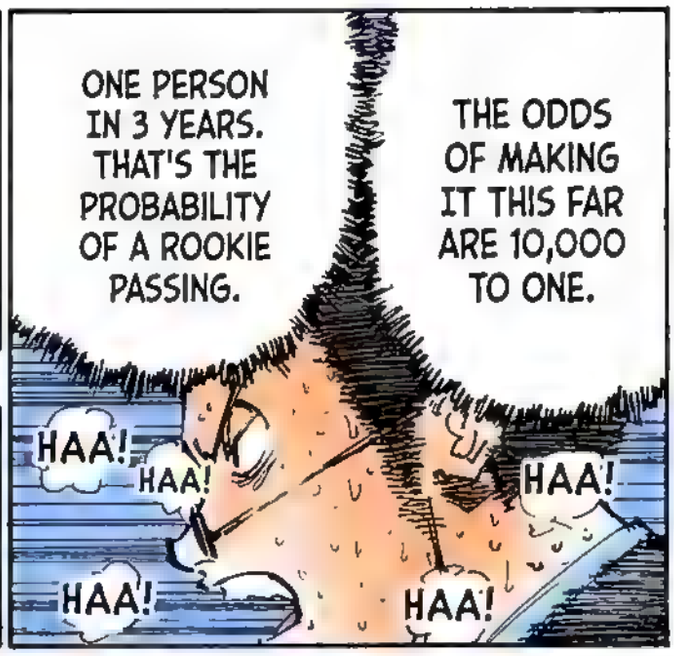
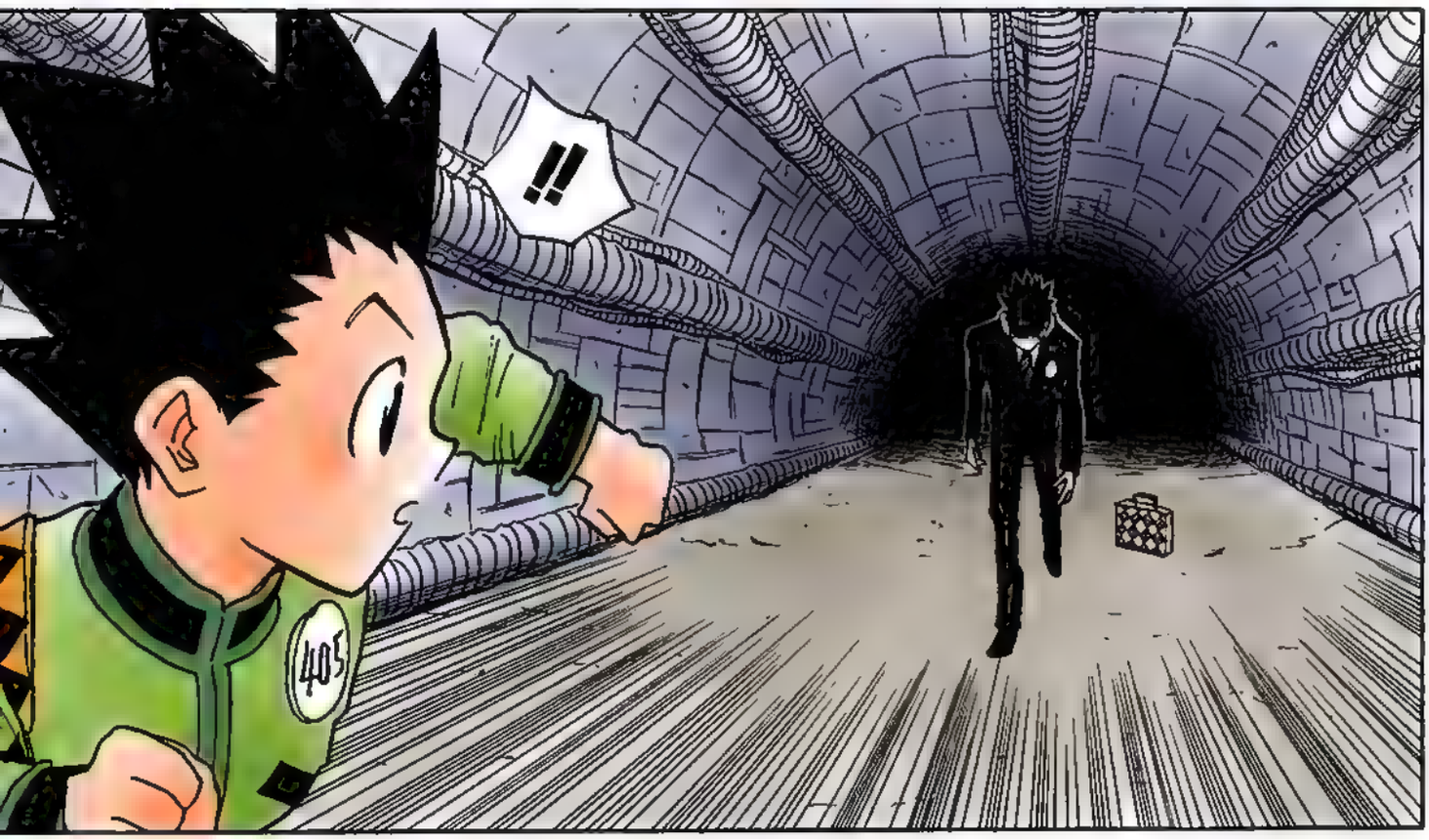
HAA!
...THESE POTENTIAL HUNTERS ARE ALL SPECIALISTS IN THEIR OWN RIGHTS!!


IT'S A FANTASY BEYOND A DREAM FOR AN ORDINARY GUY LIKE ME...
INDEED... IT'S AN OCCUPATION ONLY FOR THE CHOSEN...


DAMN...


ONE PERSON IN 3 YEARS. THAT'S THE PROBABILITY OF A ROOKIE PASSING.
THE ODDS OF MAKING IT THIS FAR ARE 10,000 TO ONE.
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!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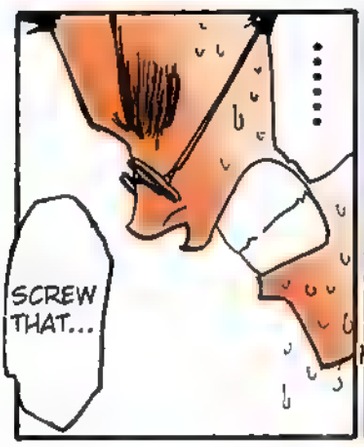
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SCREW THAT...

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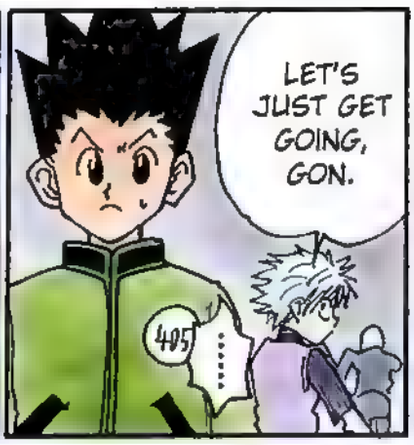
LET'S JUST GET GOING, GON.
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LEAVE HIM.
LEORIO !!

DAMN IT ALL!!
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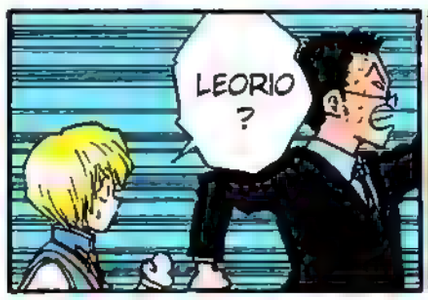
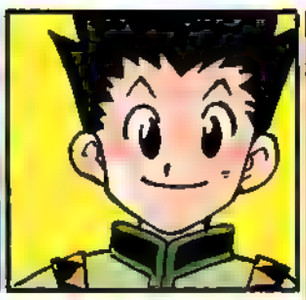
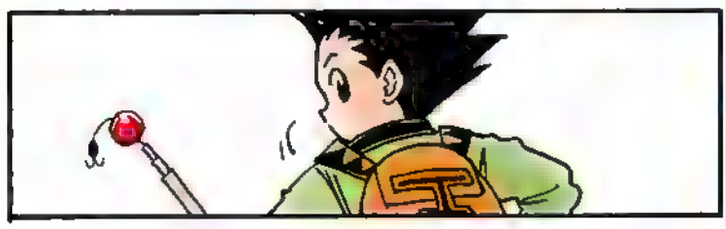
I CAME HERE TO BECOME A HUNTER!!


LEORIO ?





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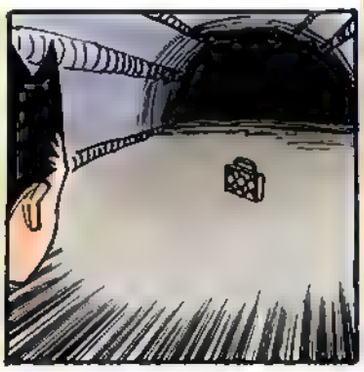

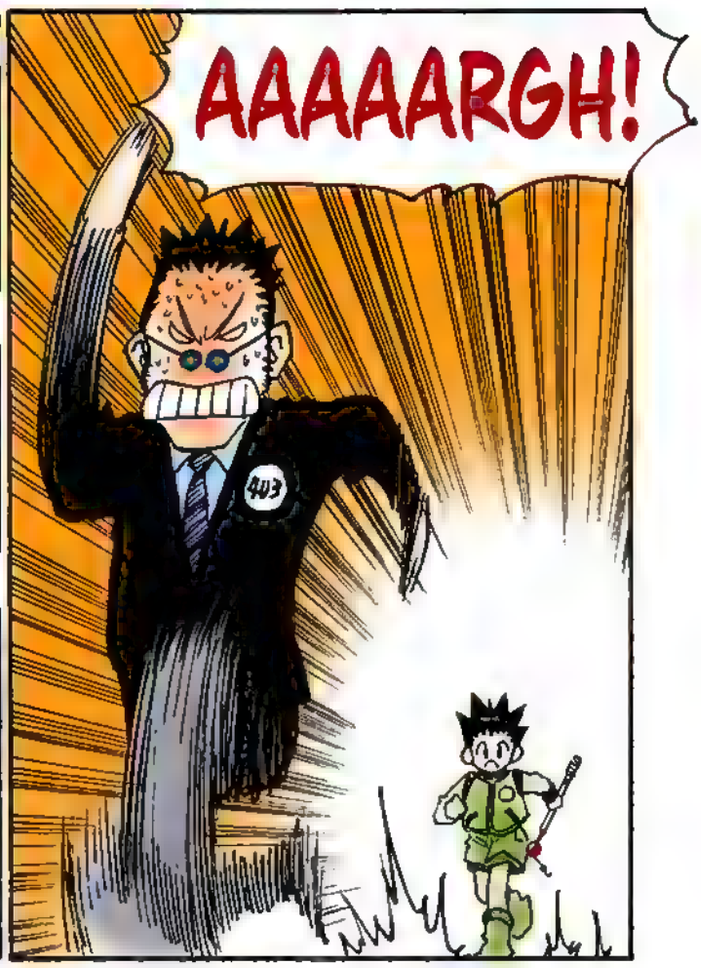
AAAAARGH!
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クイ!
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IF YOU LET ME TRY YOUR SKATE-BOARD.
LET ME TRY IT LATER.
WOW
THAT WAS COOL.
NUMBER OF DROPOUTS: ZERO.
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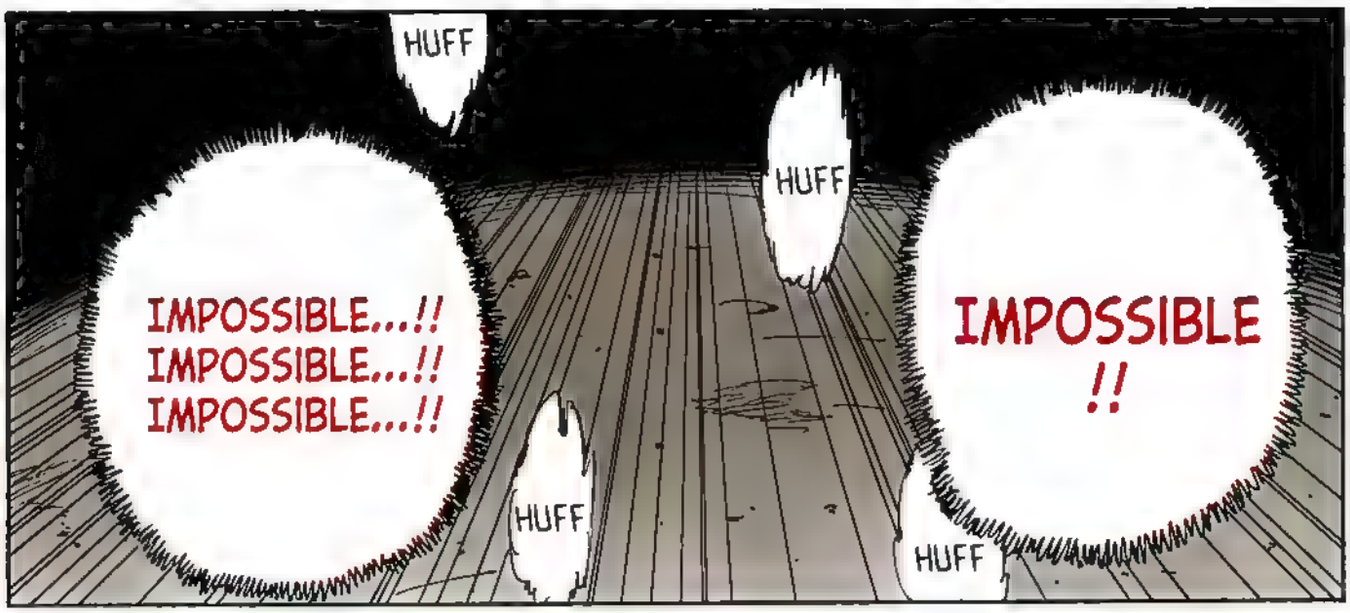
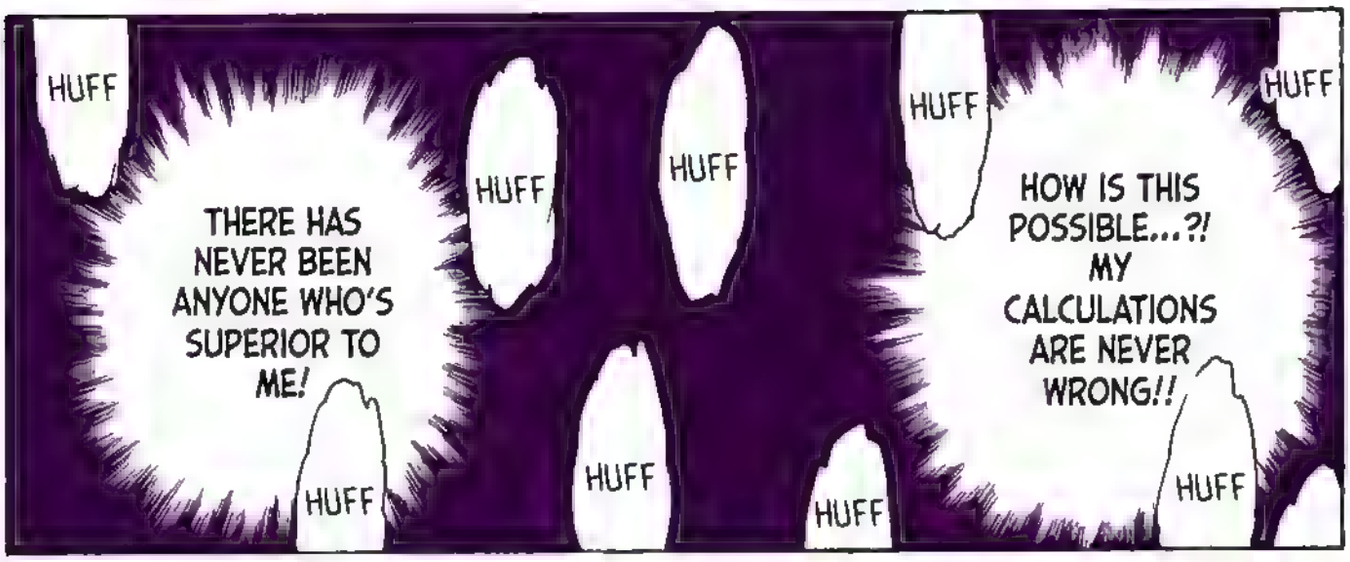
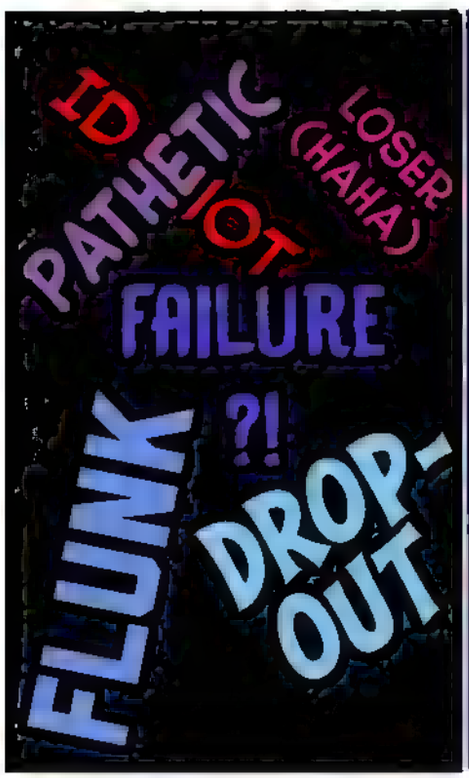
PASSING THE 60 KM POINT.

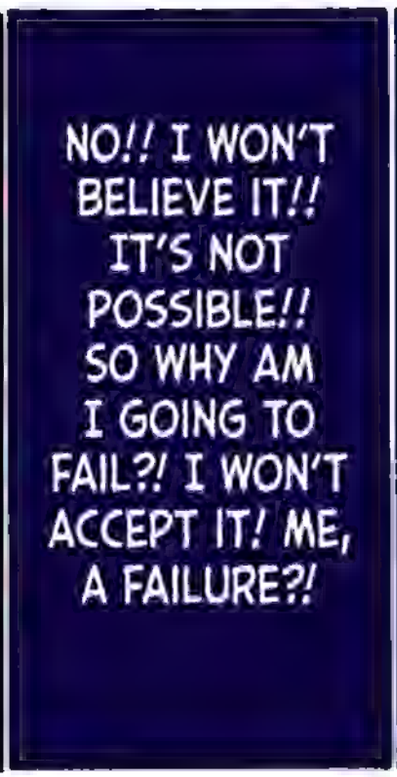
KILLUA

No.007 ◆ RESPECTIVE REASONS









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NO!!!
WHEEZE
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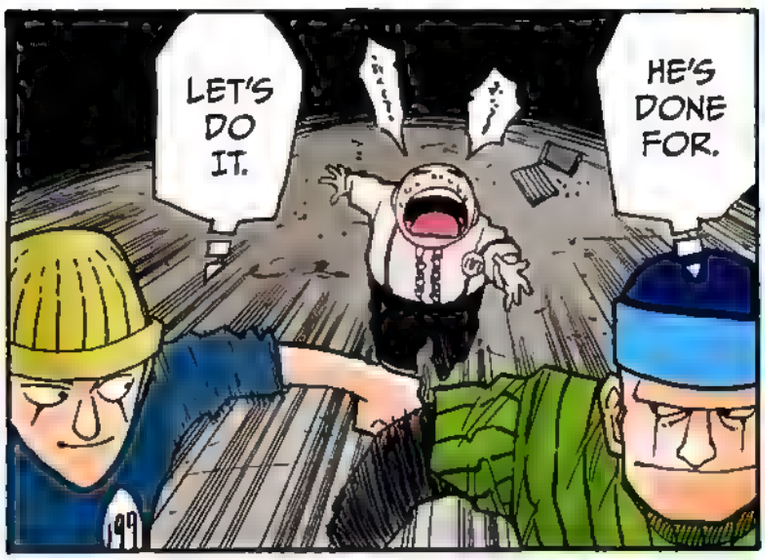
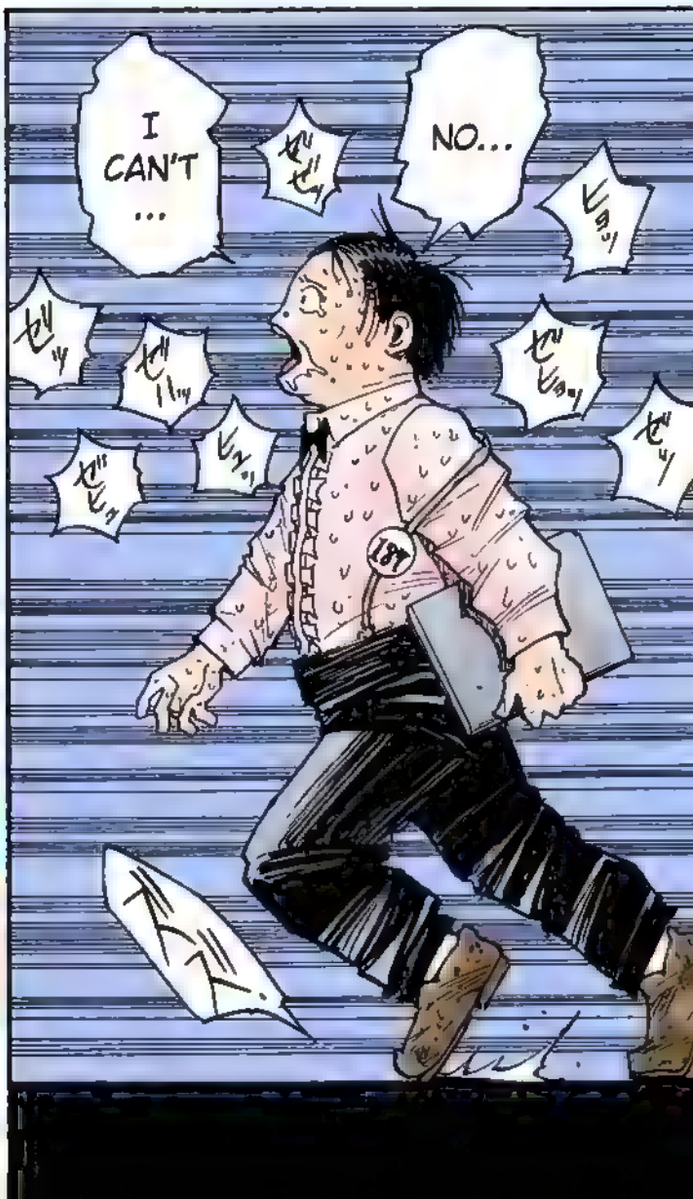
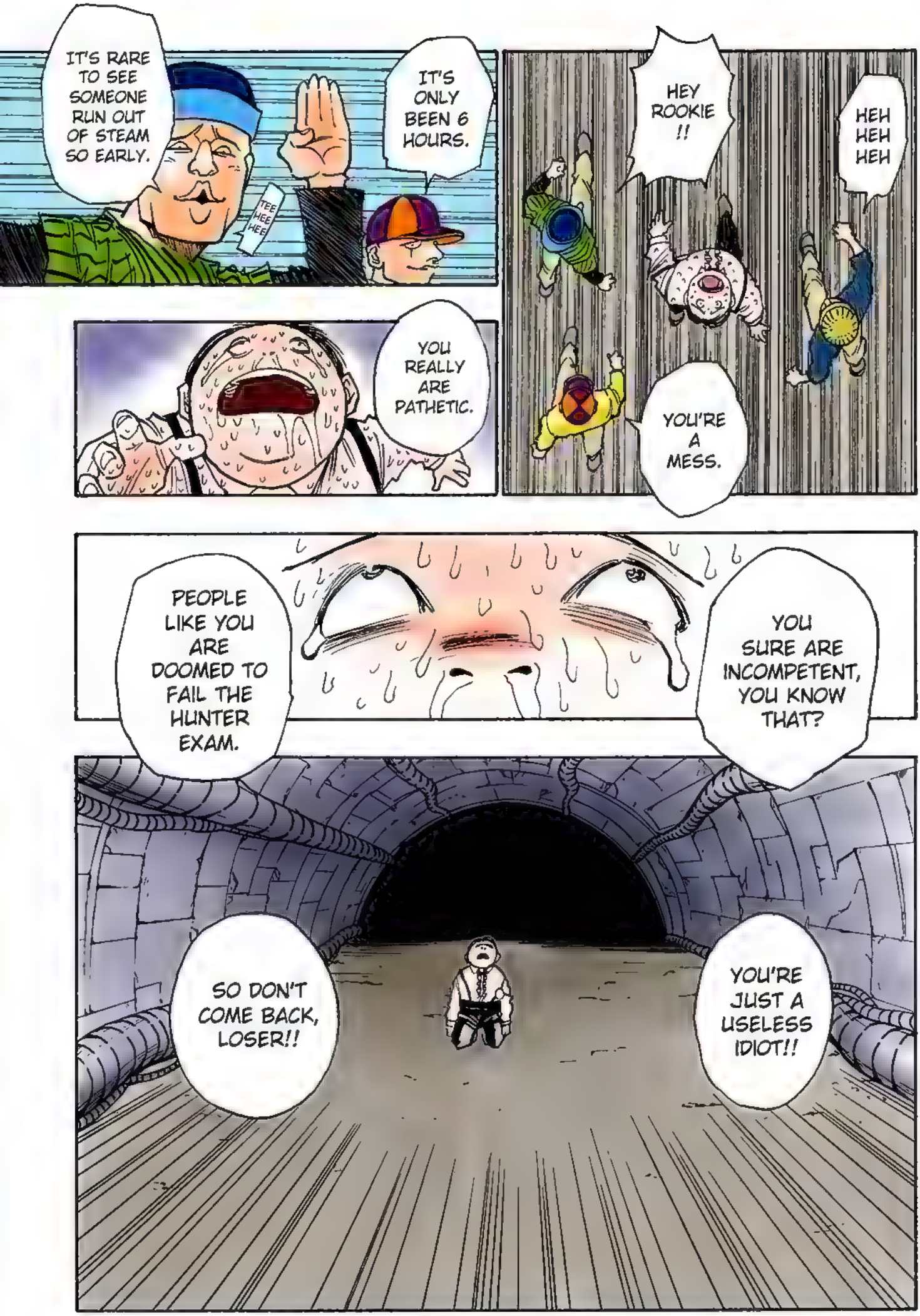
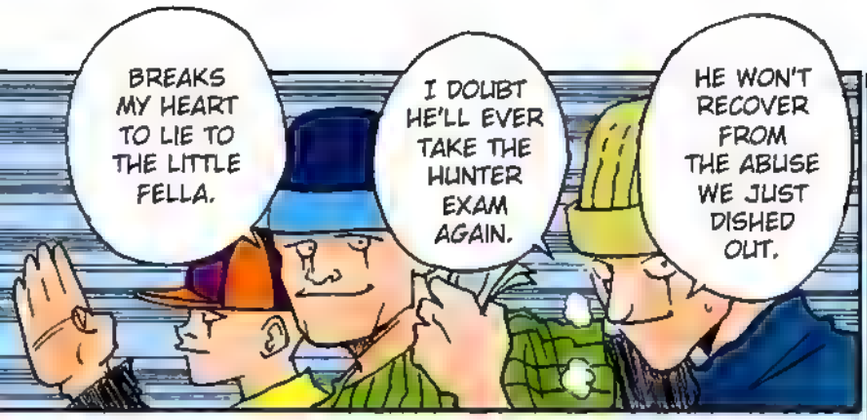
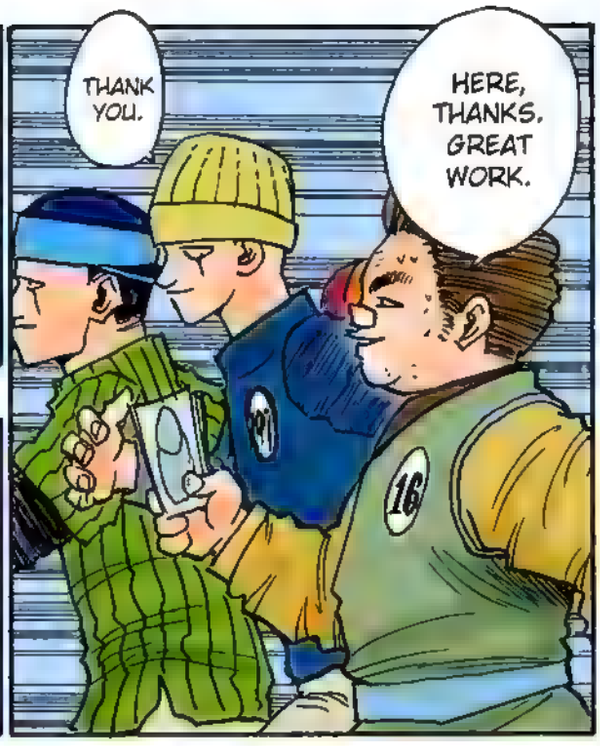




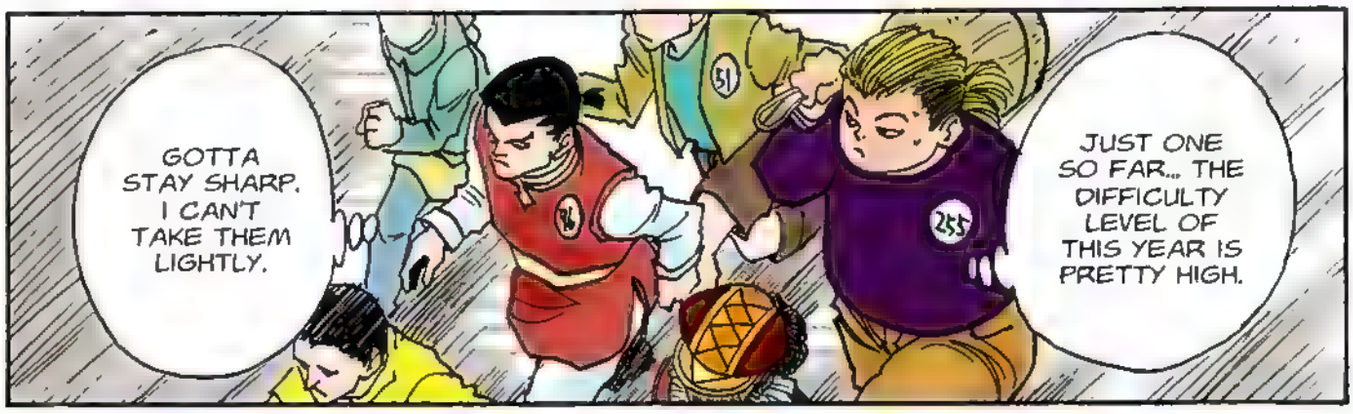

IT'S RARE TO SEE SOMEONE RUN OUT OF STEAM SO EARLY.
TEE HEE HEE
IT'S ONLY BEEN 6 HOURS.
YOU REALLY ARE PATHETIC.
HEY ROOKIE !!
HEH HEH HEH
YOU'RE A MESS.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU ARE DOOMED TO FAIL THE HUNTER EXAM.
YOU SURE ARE INCOMPETENT, YOU KNOW THAT?
SO DON'T COME BACK, LOSER!!
YOU'RE JUST A USELESS IDIOT!!

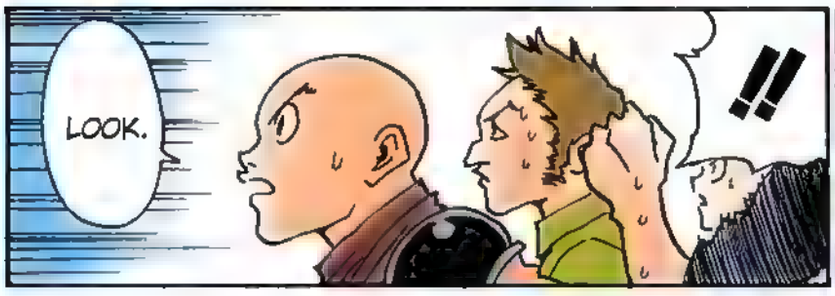
No.007 ◆ RESPECTIVE REASONS
First hunter exam test: The 80 Km run.
Number of dropouts: one.


BREAKS MY HEART TO LIE TO THE LITTLE FELLA.
I DOUBT HE'LL EVER TAKE THE HUNTER EXAM AGAIN.
HE WON'T RECOVER FROM THE ABUSE WE JUST DISHED OUT.


THANK YOU.
HERE, THANKS. GREAT WORK.

HEH HEH.
I LIVE FOR IT.
ANYWAYS, TONPA, YOU REALLY DO LOVE CRUSHING ROOKIES.


GOTTA STAY SHARP. I CAN'T TAKE THEM LIGHTLY.
JUST ONE SO FAR... THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF THIS YEAR IS PRETTY HIGH.


LOOK.
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NO WAY...
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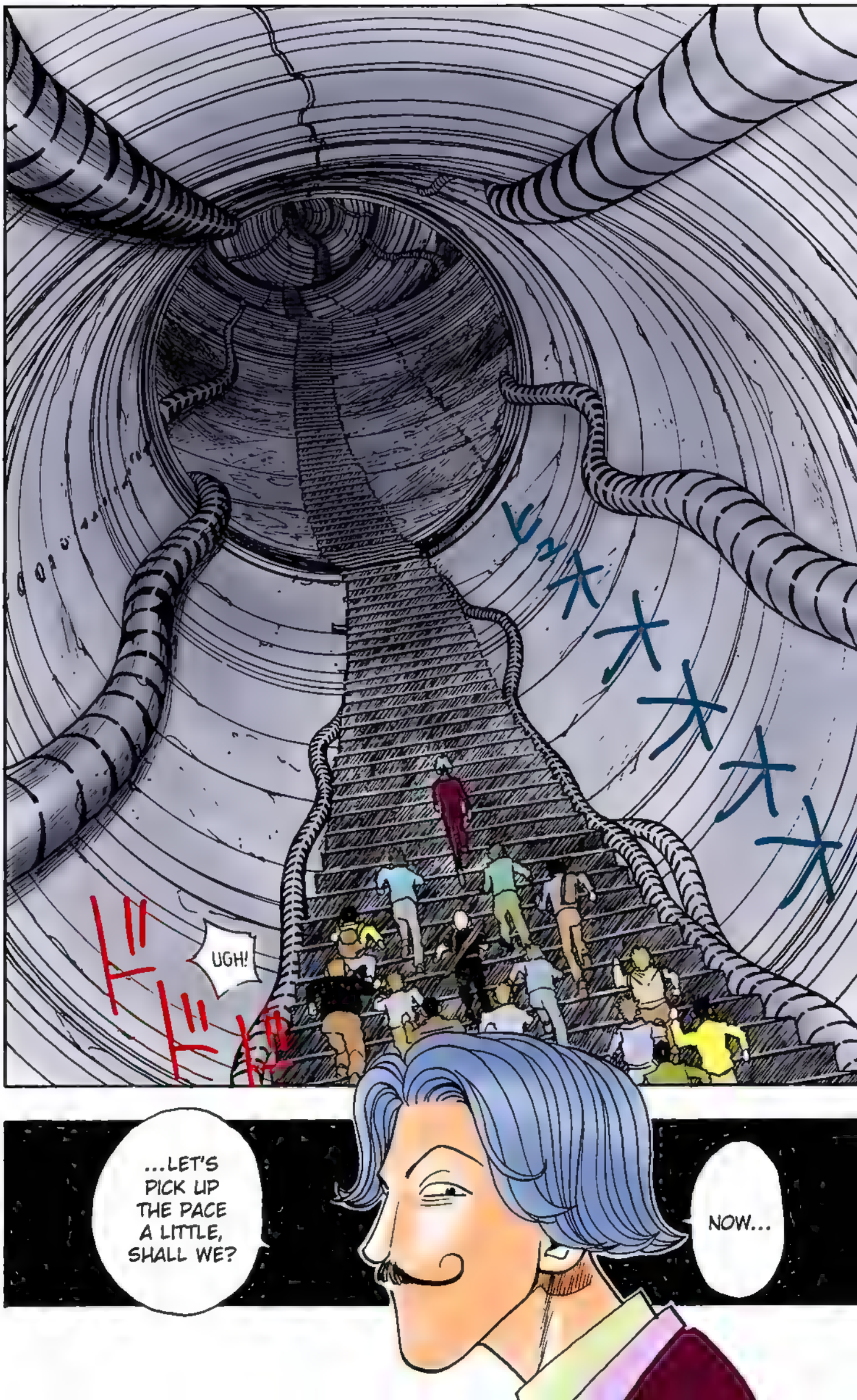
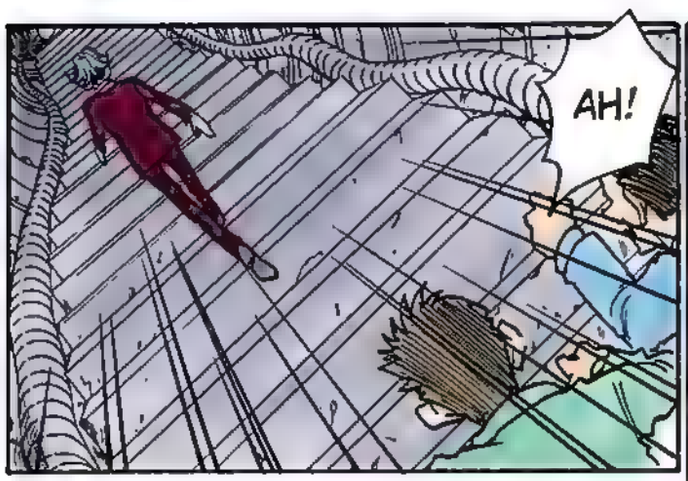
HEY, HEY.


UGH!
...LET'S PICK UP THE PACE A LITTLE, SHALL WE?
NOW...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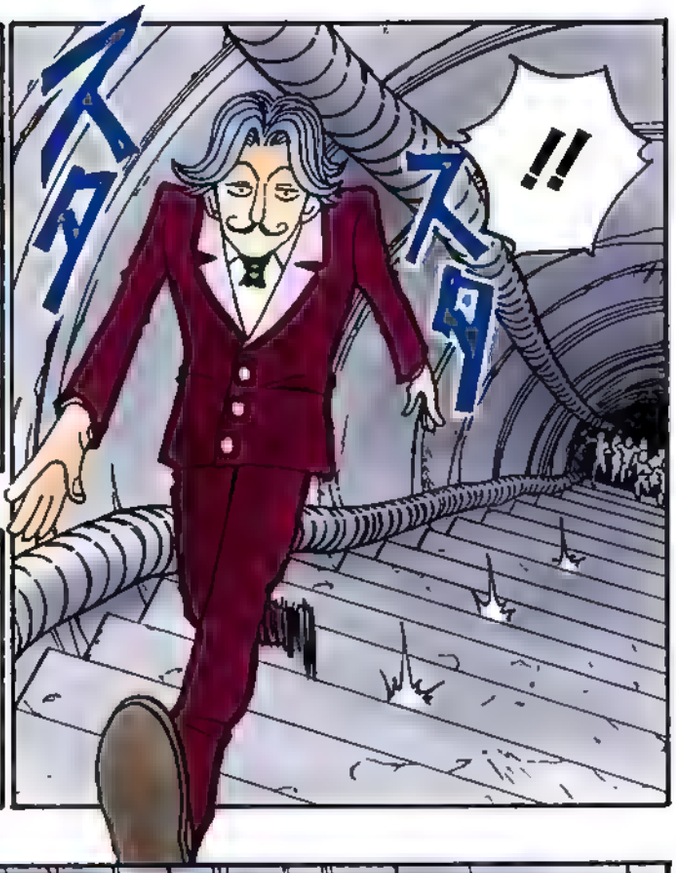
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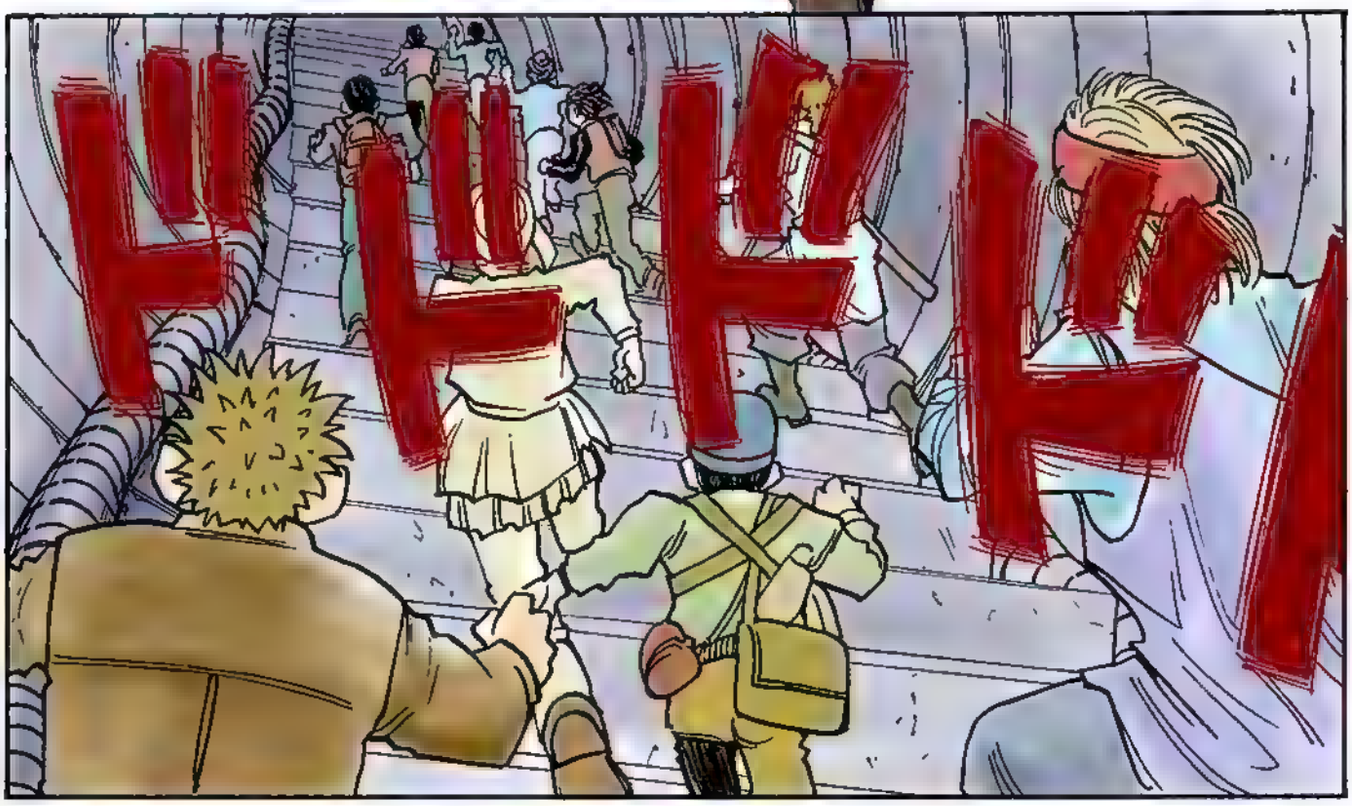
HE'S PRANCING UP THE STAIRS, AS IF THEY'RE NOT EVEN THERE!!
WAIT, IS HE SERIOUS? THAT GUY'S INSANE!!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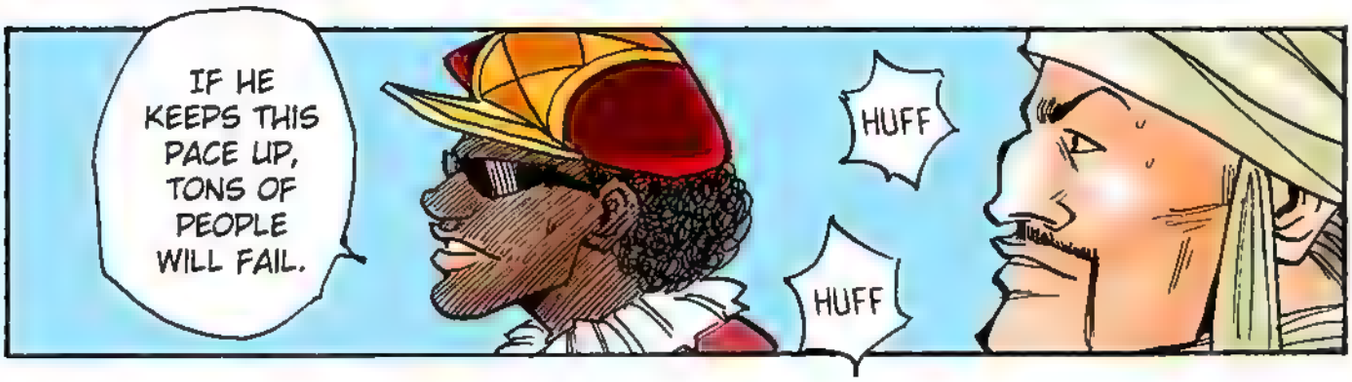
IF HE KEEPS THIS PACE UP, TONS OF PEOPLE WILL FAIL.
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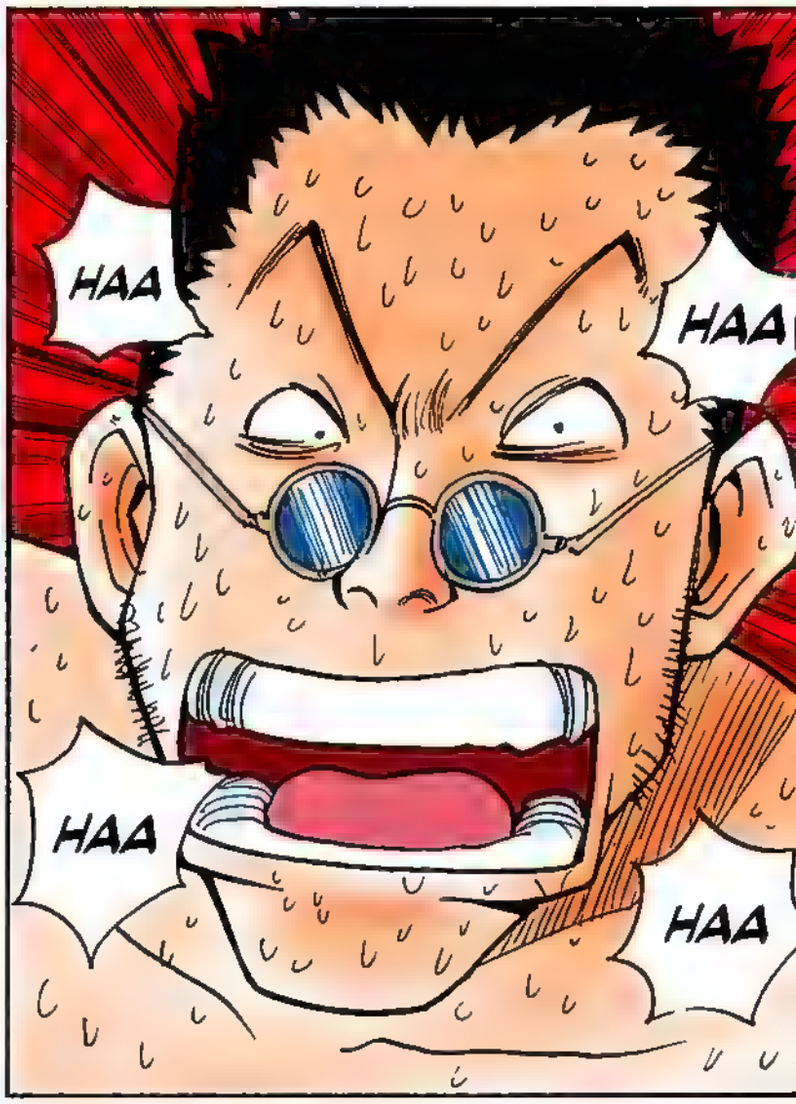
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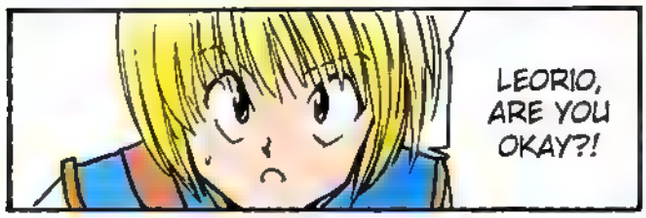
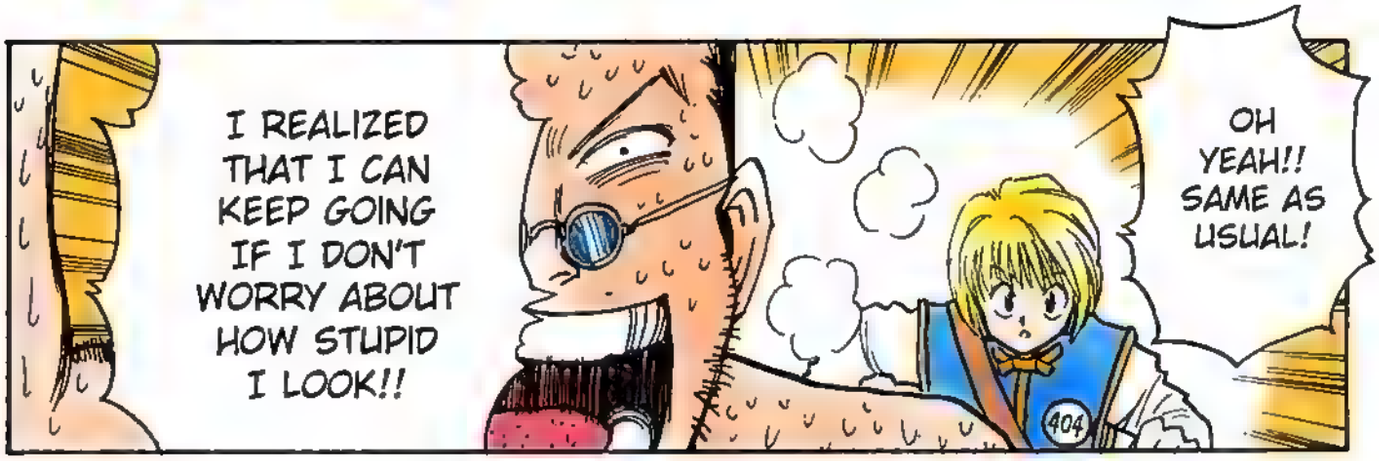

LEORIO, ARE YOU OKAY?!


I REALIZED THAT I CAN KEEP GOING IF I DON'T WORRY ABOUT HOW STUPID I LOOK!!
OH YEAH!! SAME AS USUAL!
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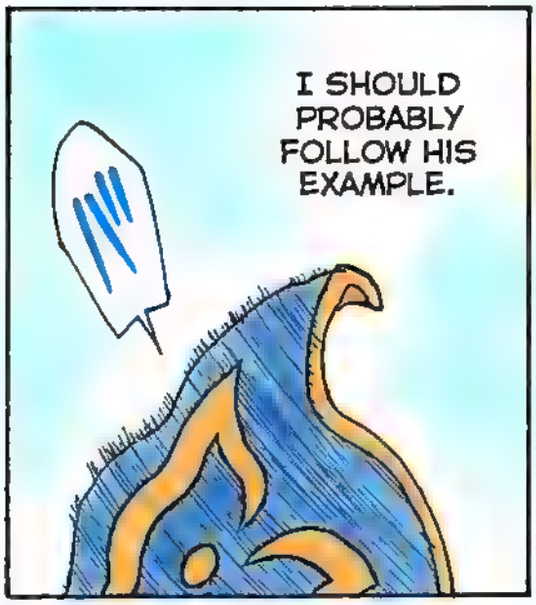
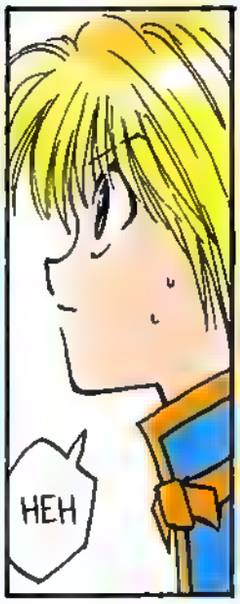

I SHOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE.


HEH

KURAPIKA!! IF YOU'RE GONNA PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW ME, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!!
I'LL KEEP ON RUNNING EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO BUTT NAKED!!
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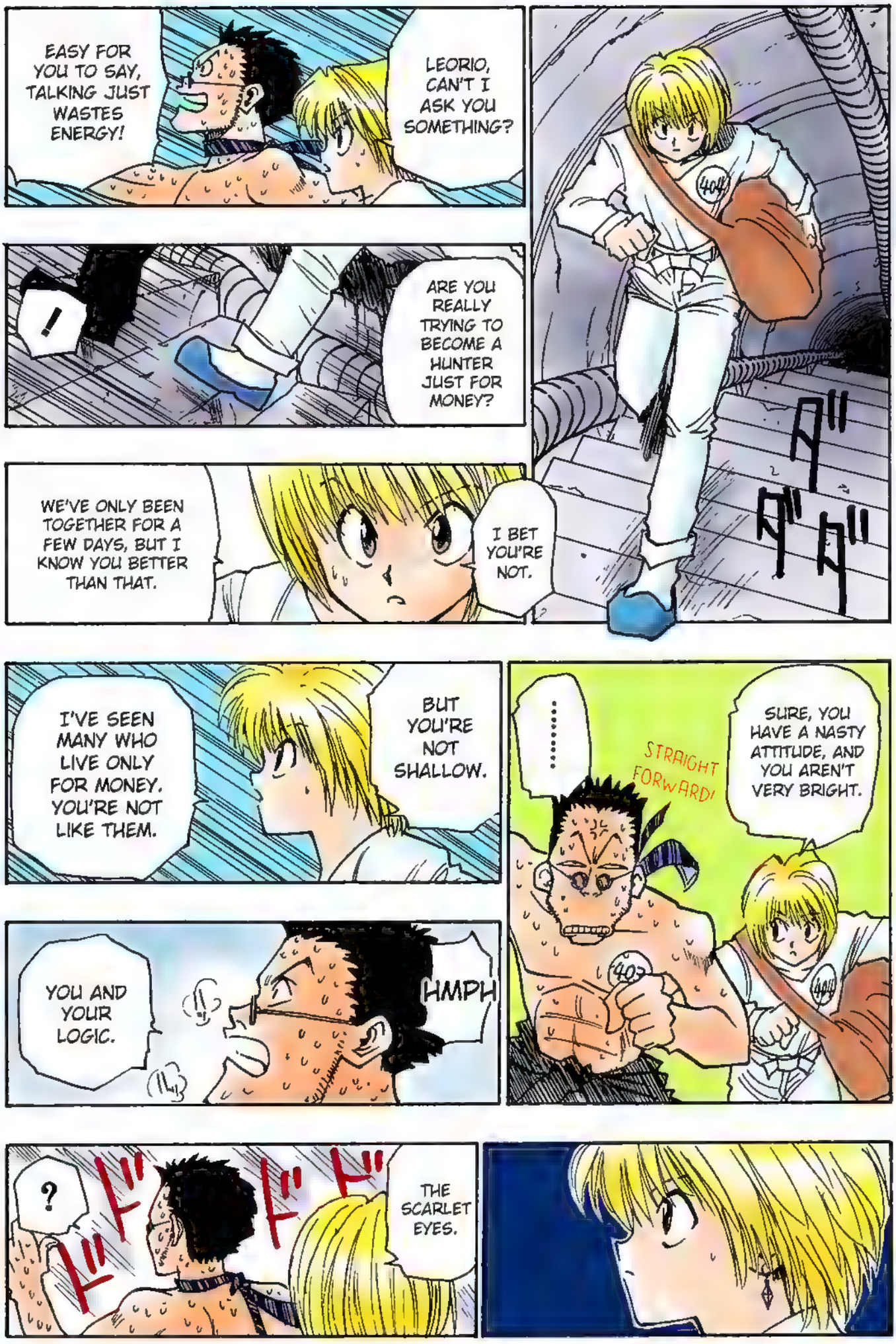
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, TALKING JUST WASTES ENERGY!
LEORIO, CAN'T I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
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ARE YOU REALLY TRYING TO BECOME A HUNTER JUST FOR MONEY?
WE'VE ONLY BEEN TOGETHER FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT I KNOW YOU BETTER THAN THAT.
I BET YOU'RE NOT.
I'VE SEEN MANY WHO LIVE ONLY FOR MONEY. YOU'RE NOT LIKE THEM.
BUT YOU'RE NOT SHALLOW.
YOU AND YOUR LOGIC.
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STRAIGHT FORWARD!
SURE, YOU HAVE A NASTY ATTITUDE, AND YOU AREN'T VERY BRIGHT.
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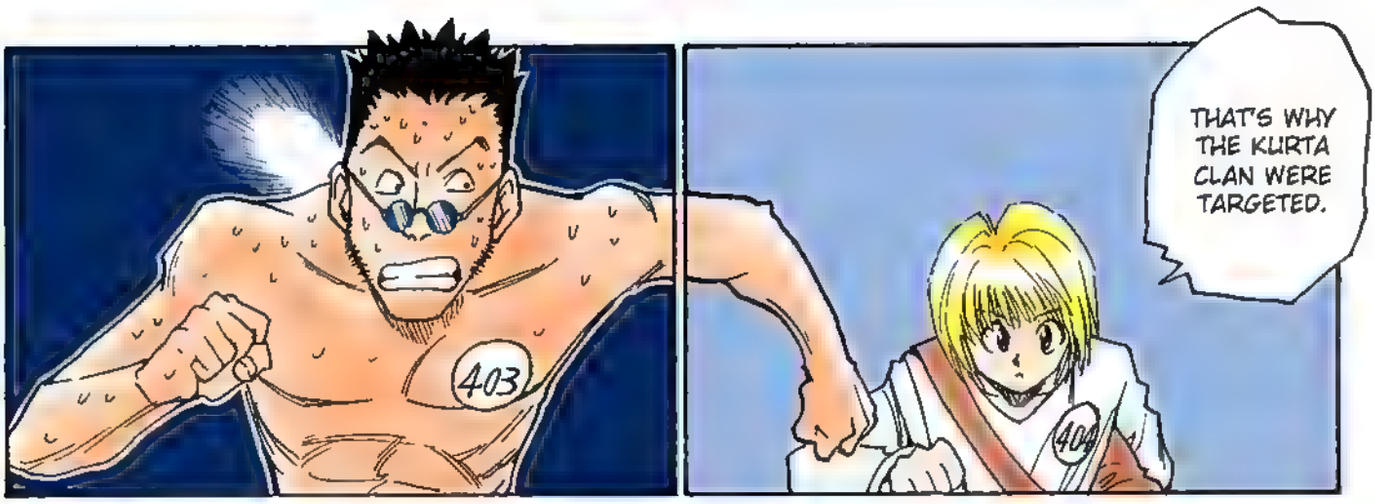
THE SCARLET EYES.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THAT'S WHY THE KURTA CLAN WERE TARGETED.
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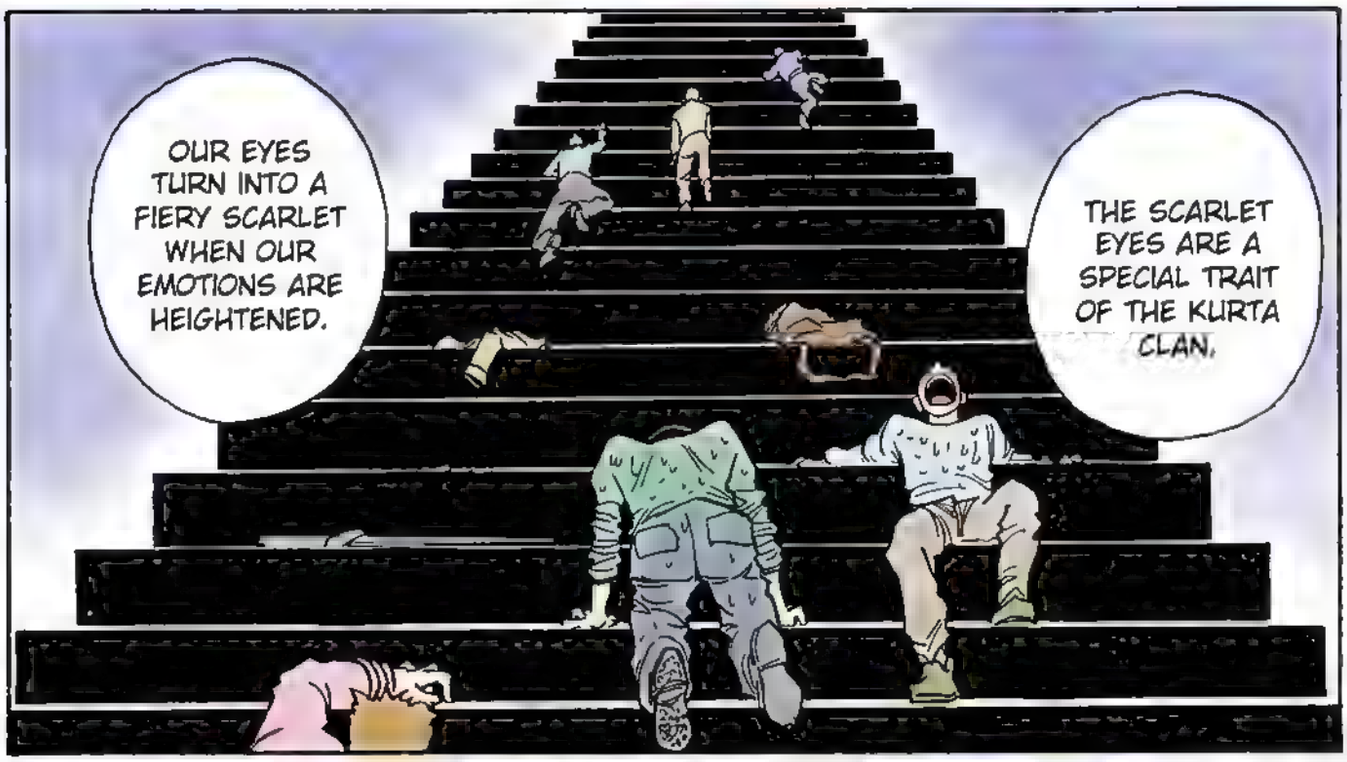
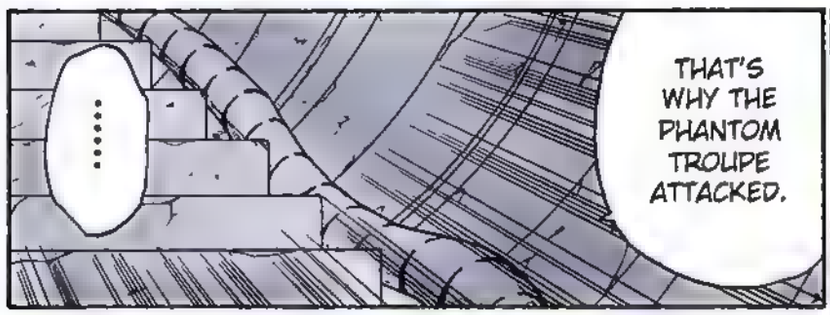

OUR EYES TURN INTO A FIERY SCARLET WHEN OUR EMOTIONS ARE HEIGHTENED.
THE SCARLET EYES ARE A SPECIAL TRAIT OF THE KURTA CLAN.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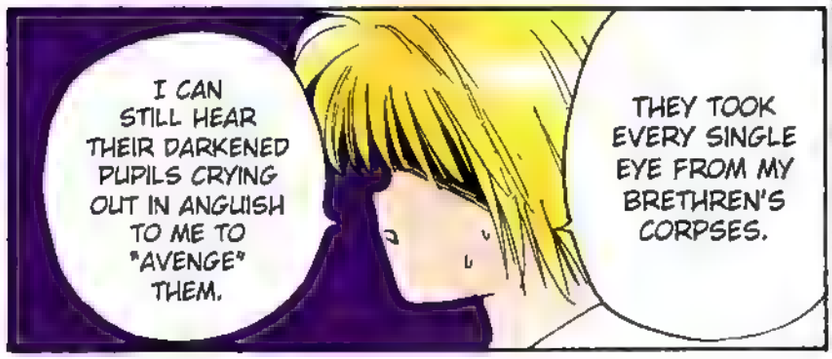
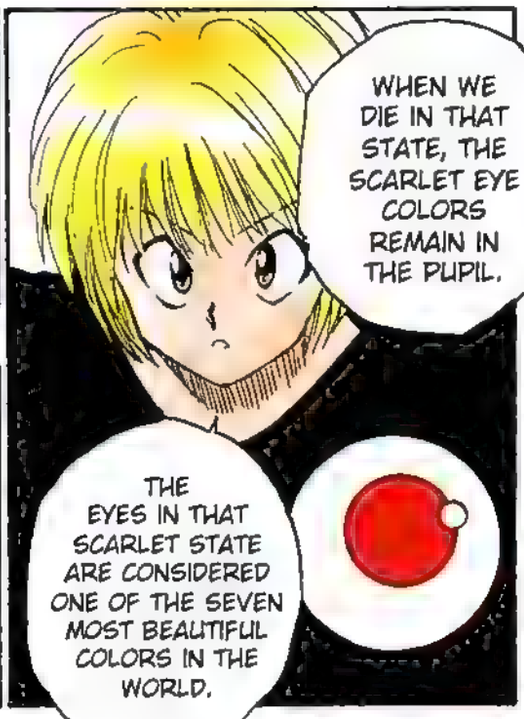
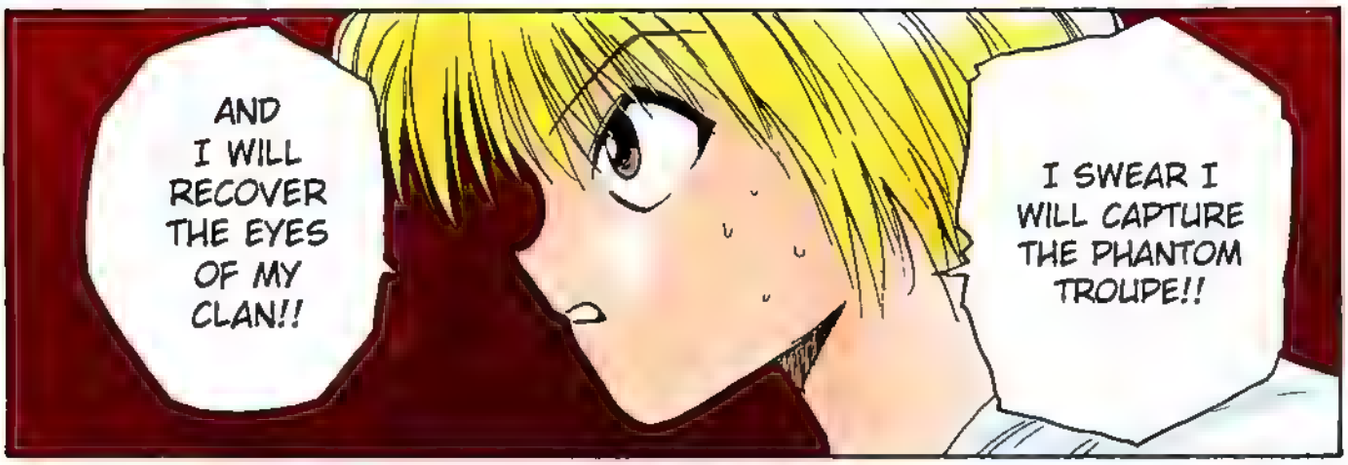
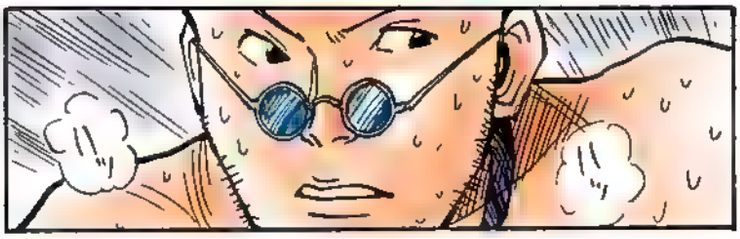
THAT'S WHY THE PHANTOM TROUPE ATTACKED.

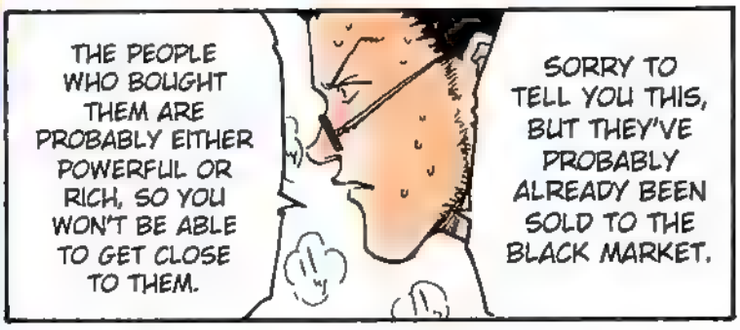

I CAN STILL HEAR THEIR DARKENED PUPILS CRYING OUT IN ANGUISH TO ME TO "AVENGE" THEM.
THEY TOOK EVERY SINGLE EYE FROM MY BRETHREN'S CORPSES.

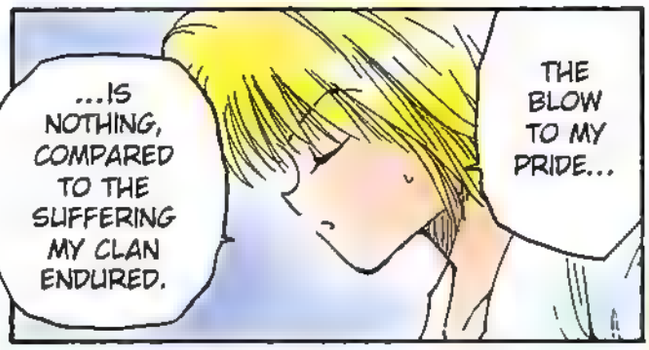

WHEN WE DIE IN THAT STATE, THE SCARLET EYE COLORS REMAIN IN THE PUPIL.
THE EYES IN THAT SCARLET STATE ARE CONSIDERED ONE OF THE SEVEN MOST BEAUTIFUL COLORS IN THE WORLD.

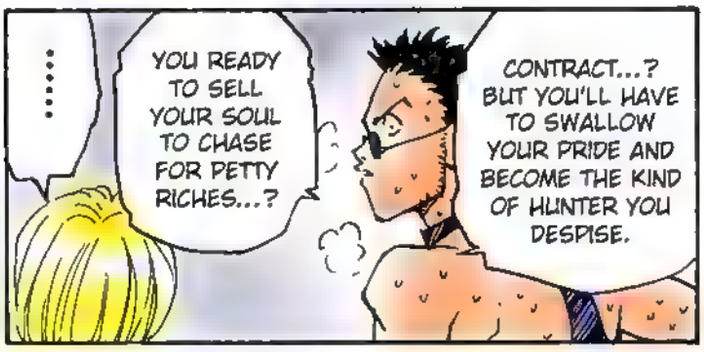

AND I WILL RECOVER THE EYES OF MY CLAN!!
I SWEAR I WILL CAPTURE THE PHANTOM TROUPE!!

IF I WAS A HUNTER I COULD.
IF I BECOME A CONTRACT HUNTER WITH RICH CLIENTS, I'LL GAIN ACCESS TO THE BLACK MARKET INFORMATION.




THE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT THEM ARE PROBABLY EITHER POWERFUL OR RICH, SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO THEM.
SORRY TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT THEY'VE PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN SOLD TO THE BLACK MARKET.


THE BLOW TO MY PRIDE...
...IS NOTHING, COMPARED TO THE SUFFERING MY CLAN ENDURED.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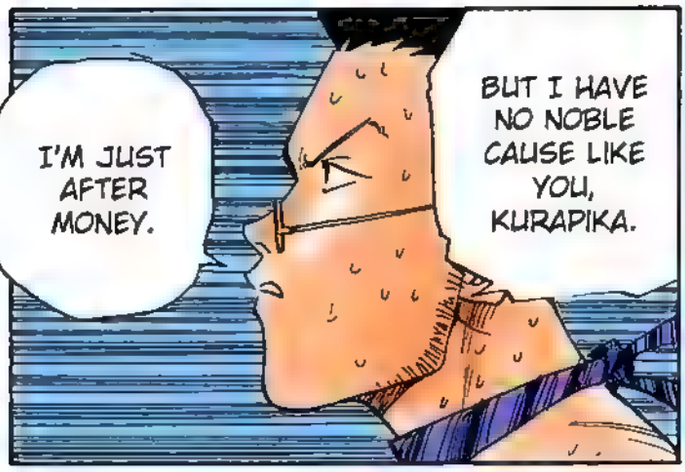
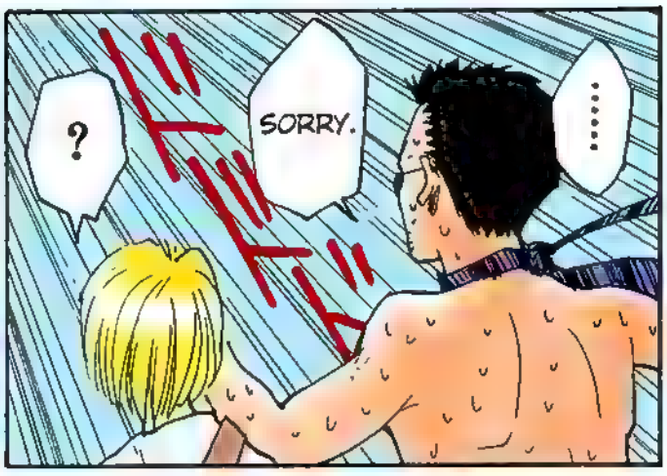
YOU READY TO SELL YOUR SOUL TO CHASE FOR PETTY RICHES...?
CONTRACT...? BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SWALLOW YOUR PRIDE AND BECOME THE KIND OF HUNTER YOU DESPISE.


BUT I HAVE NO NOBLE CAUSE LIKE YOU, KURAPIKA.
I'M JUST AFTER MONEY.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SORRY.
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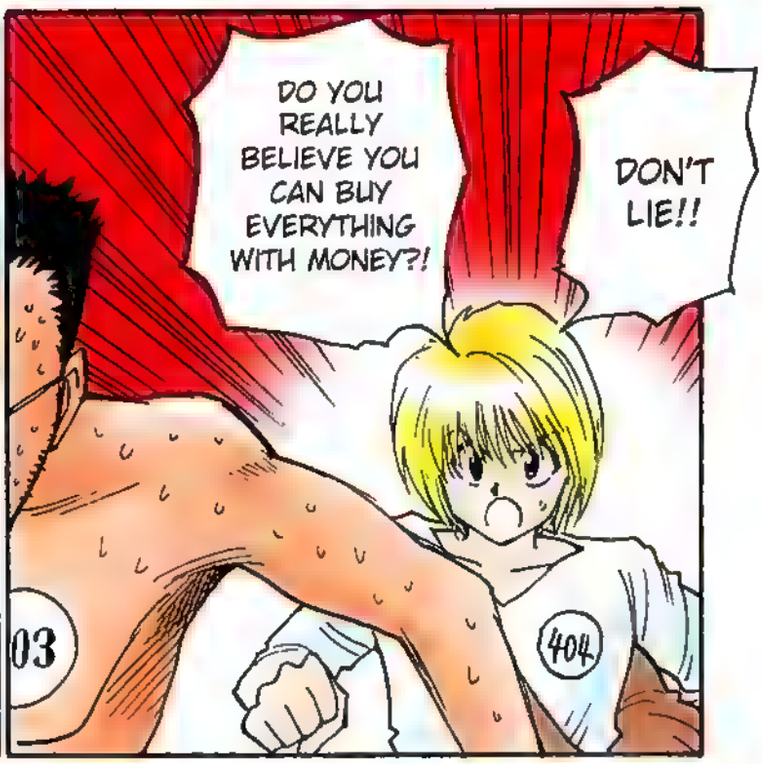
FOR THE RIGHT PRICES, YOU CAN BUY NOT ONLY TREASURES!
YOU BET!!


DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU CAN BUY EVERYTHING WITH MONEY?!
DON'T LIE!!
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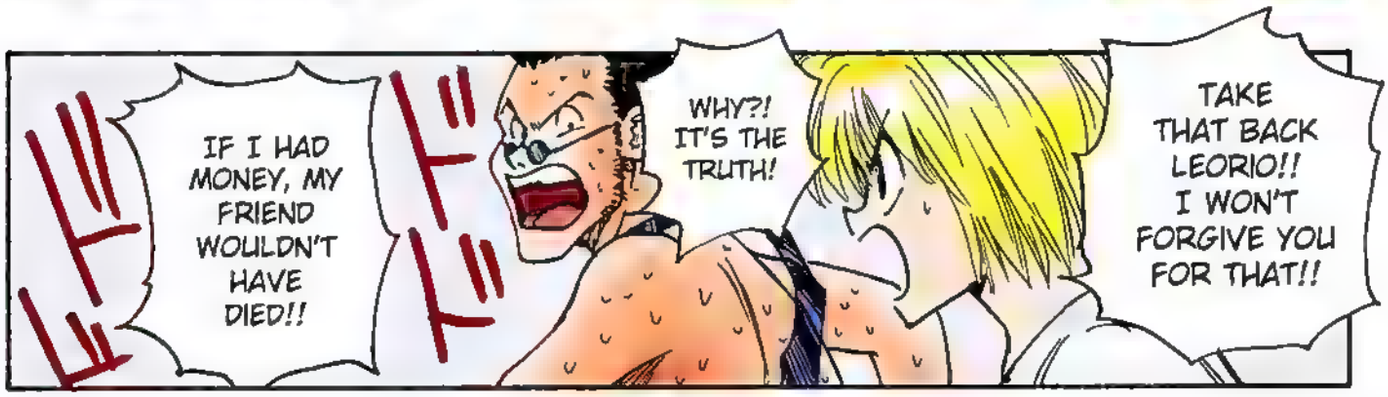
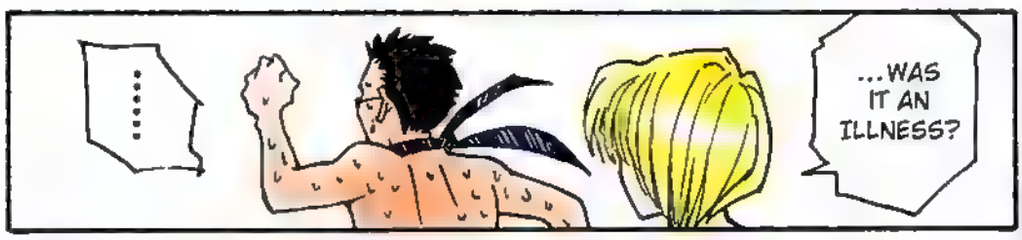
EVERY-THING HAS A PRICE!!
YOU BUY DREAMS, HEARTS AND EVEN PEOPLE'S LIVES!!


IF I HAD MONEY, MY FRIEND WOULDN'T HAVE DIED!!
WHY?! IT'S THE TRUTH!
TAKE THAT BACK LEORIO!! I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT!!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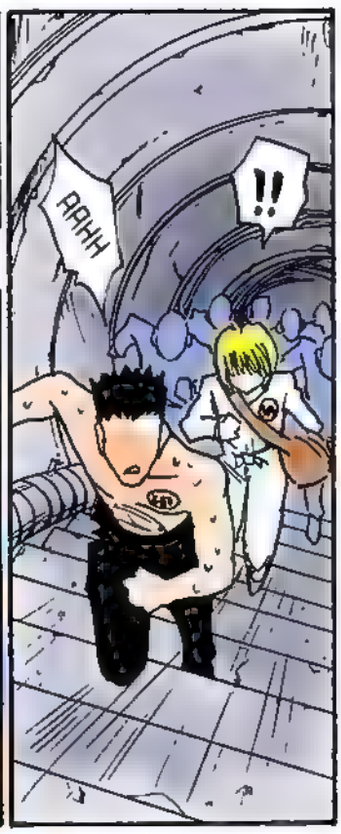
...WAS IT AN ILLNESS?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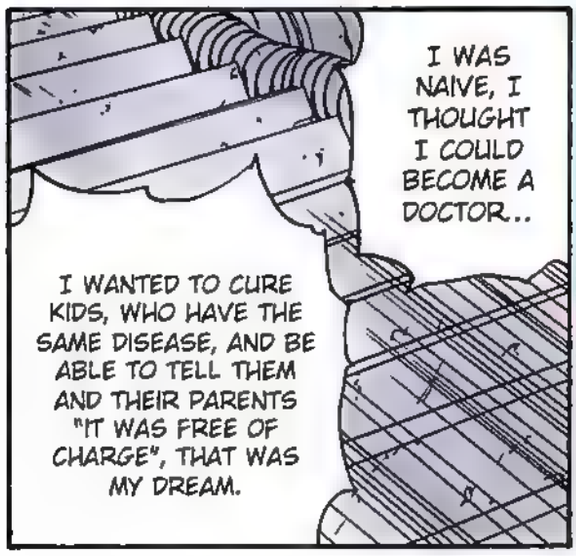
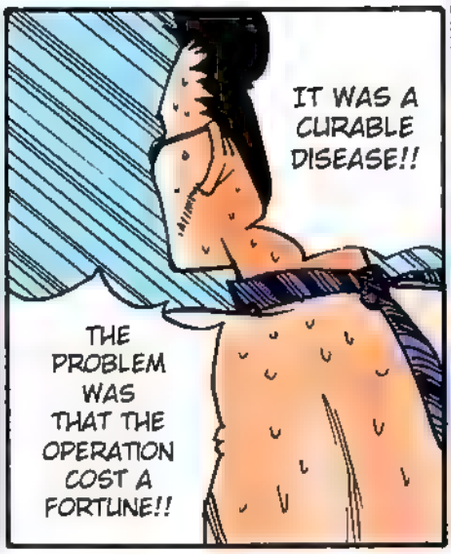
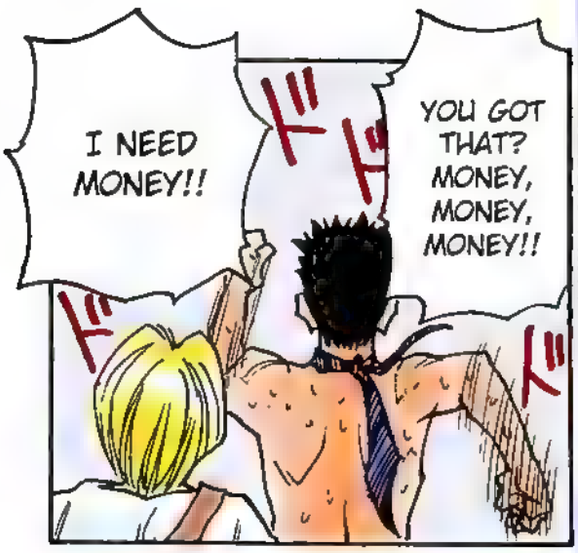
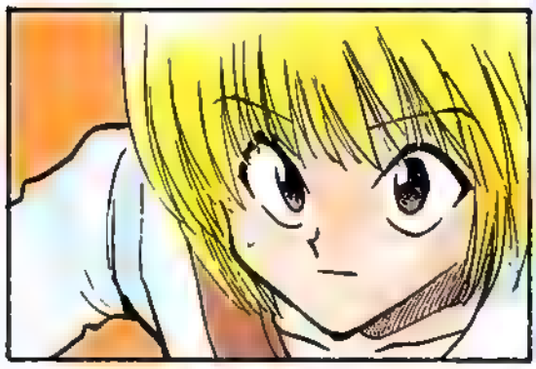

I WAS NAIVE, I THOUGHT I COULD BECOME A DOCTOR..
I WANTED TO CURE KIDS, WHO HAVE THE SAME DISEASE, AND BE ABLE TO TELL THEM AND THEIR PARENTS "IT WAS FREE OF CHARGE", THAT WAS MY DREAM.

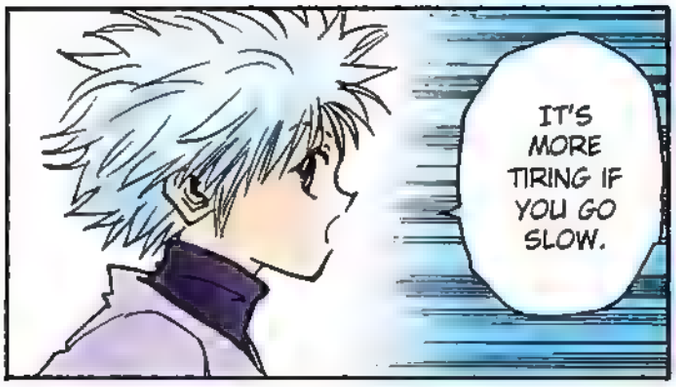

IT WAS A CURABLE DISEASE!!
THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THE OPERATION COST A FORTUNE!!

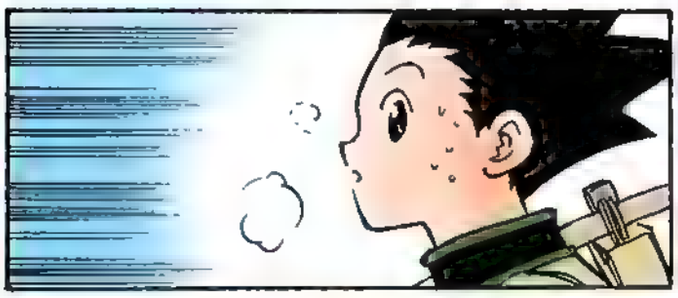


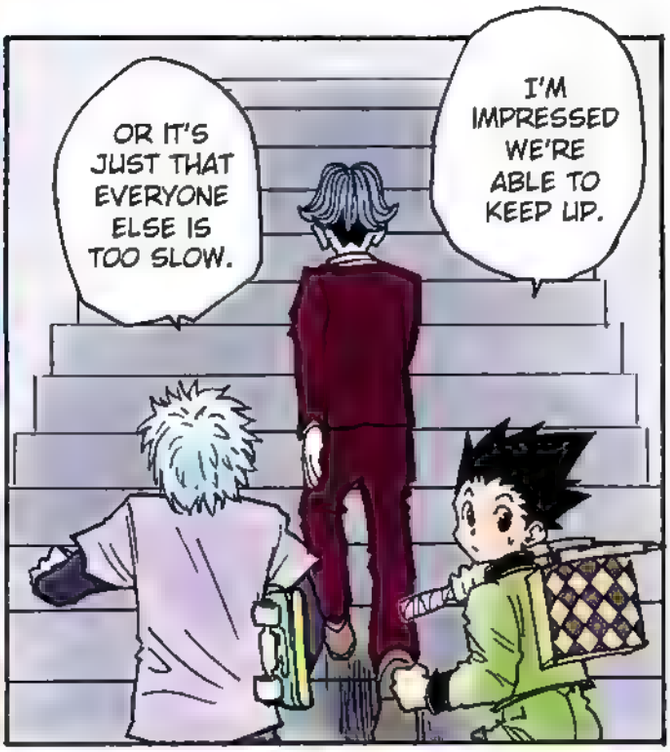


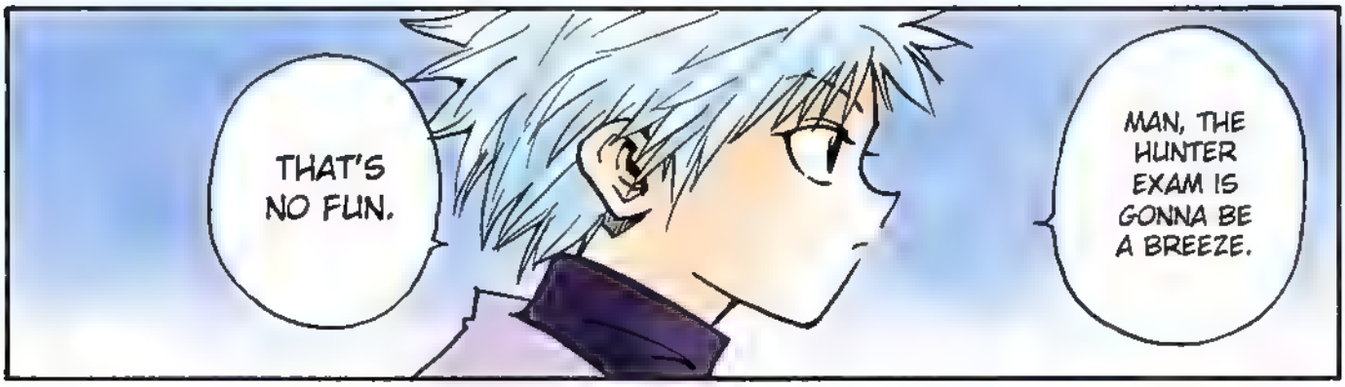
MIDPOINT OF THE STEPS LEADING TO THE FLOOR GROUND.

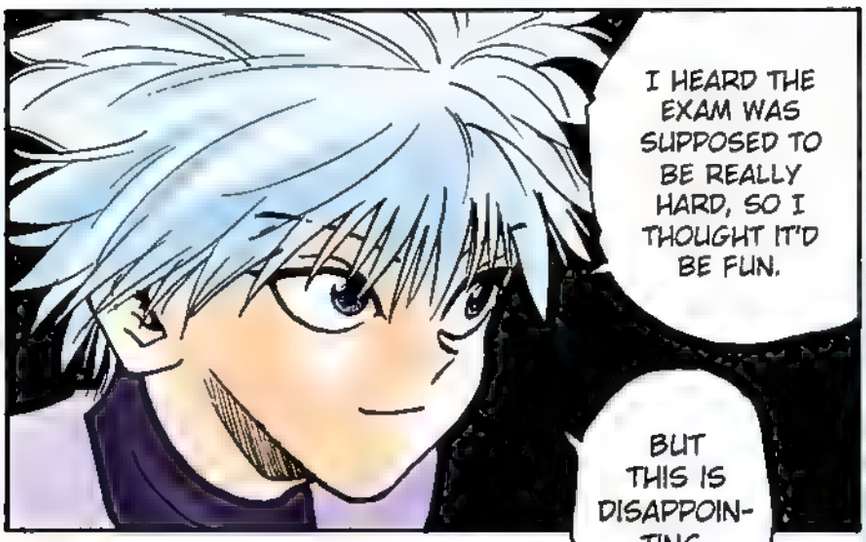
NUMBER OF DROPOUTS: 37.

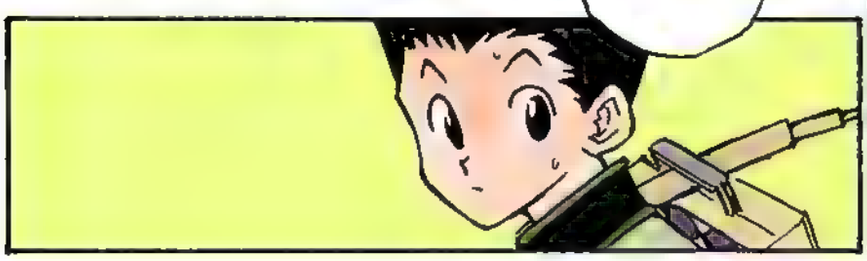

IT'S MORE TIRING IF YOU GO SLOW.



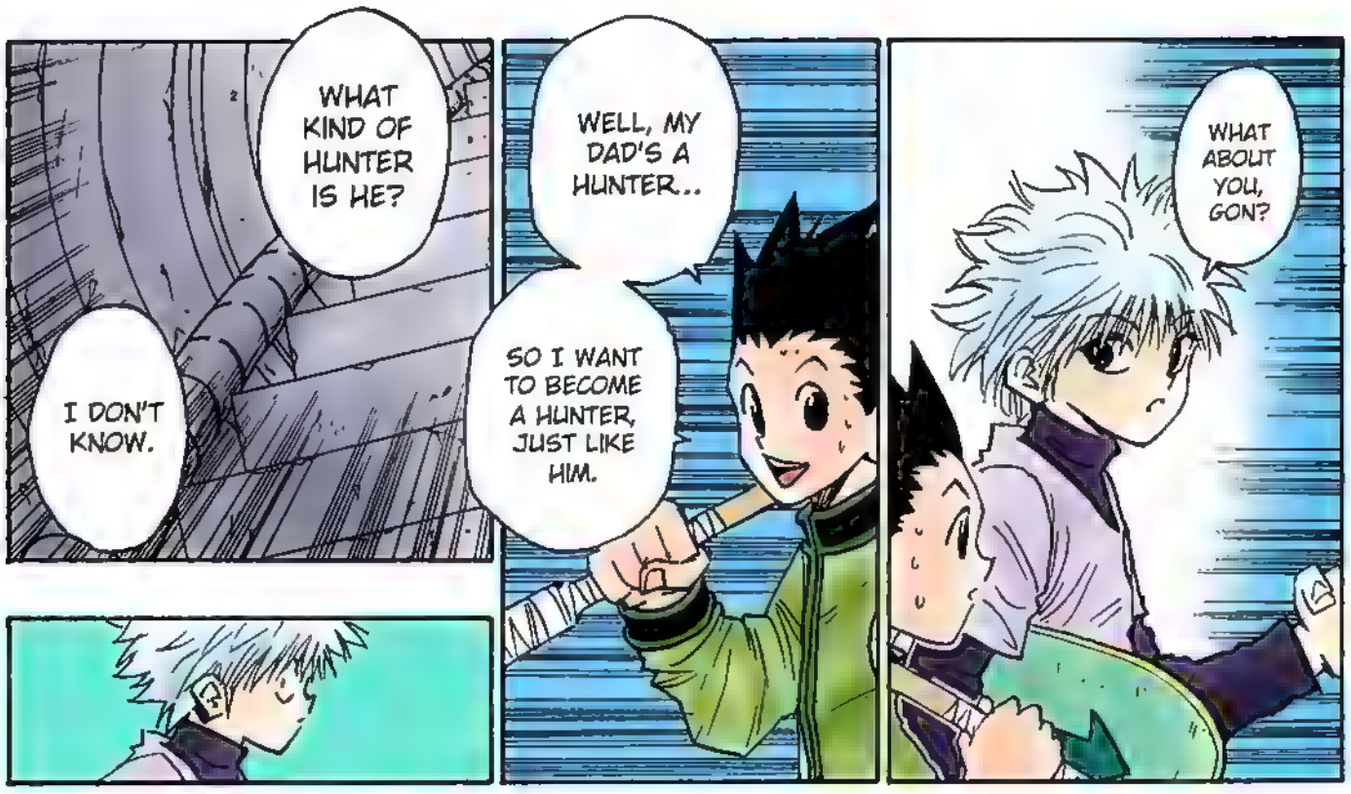

OR IT'S JUST THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS TOO SLOW.
I'M IMPRESSED WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP UP.

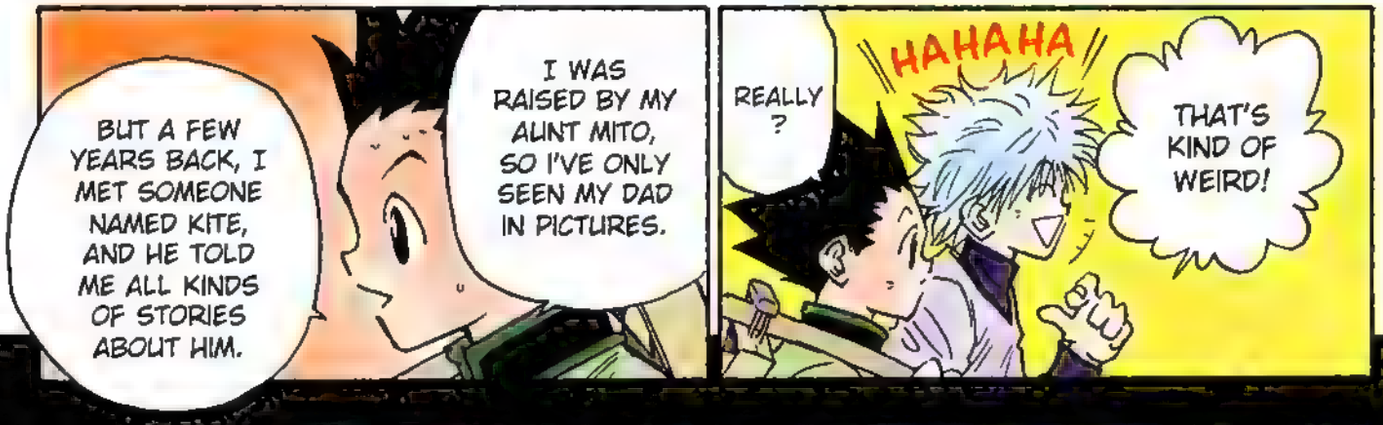

THAT'S NO FUN.
MAN, THE HUNTER EXAM IS GONNA BE A BREEZE.


I HEARD THE EXAM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE REALLY HARD, SO I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN.

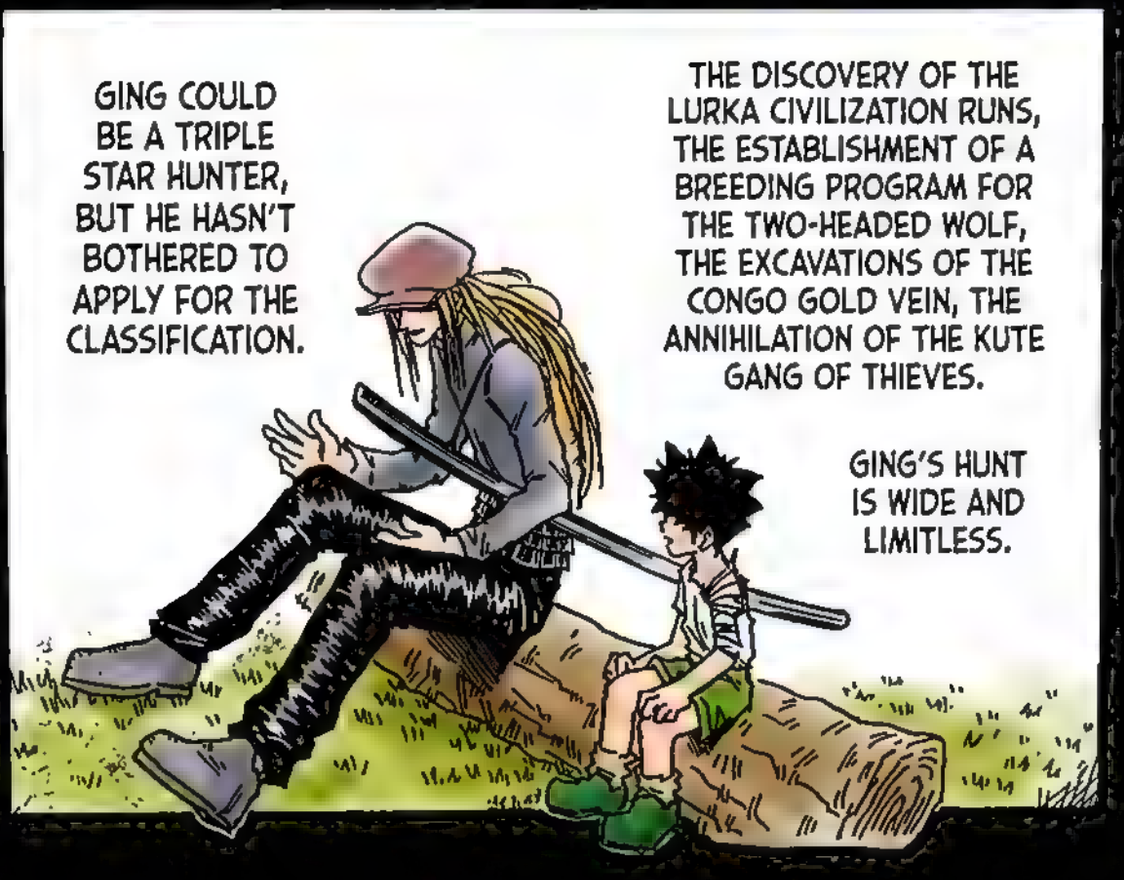

BUT THIS IS DISAPPOIN-TING.

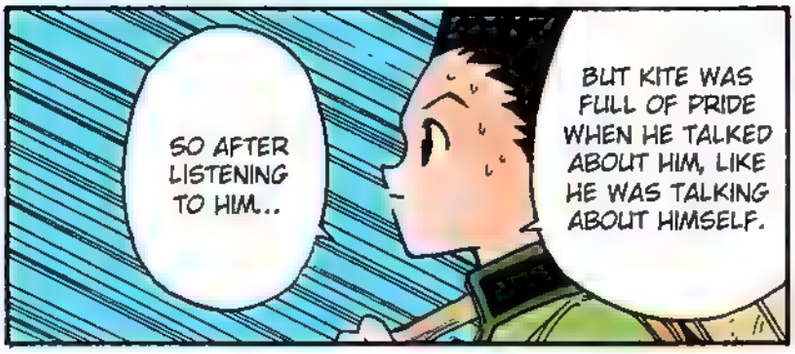
ME? I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HUNTER.
KILLUA, WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A HUNTER?

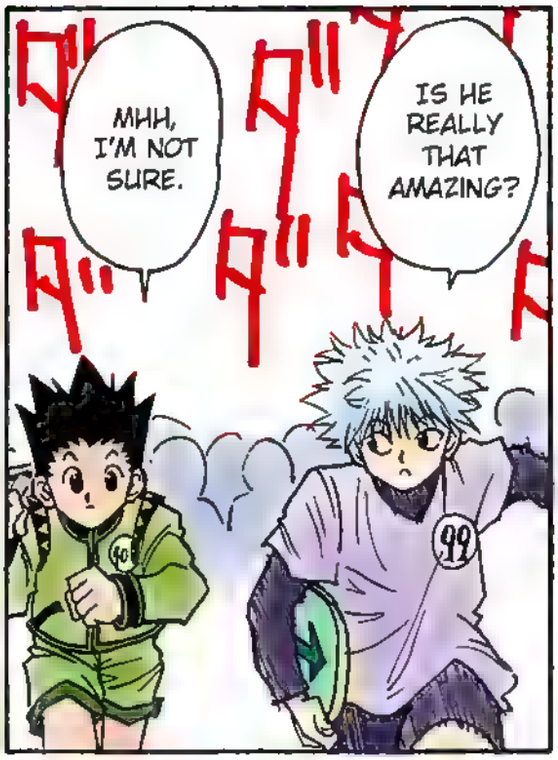


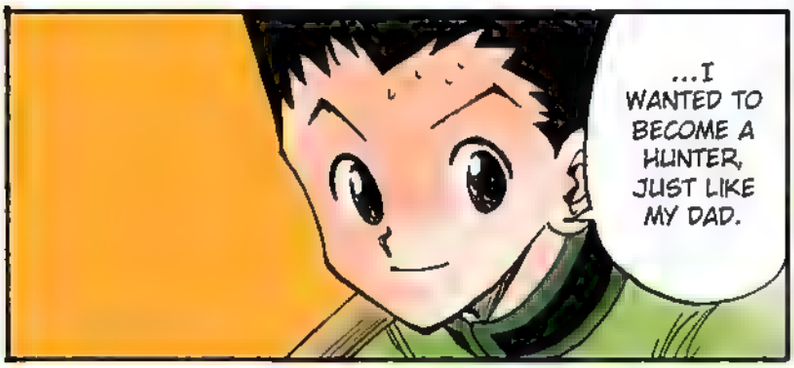


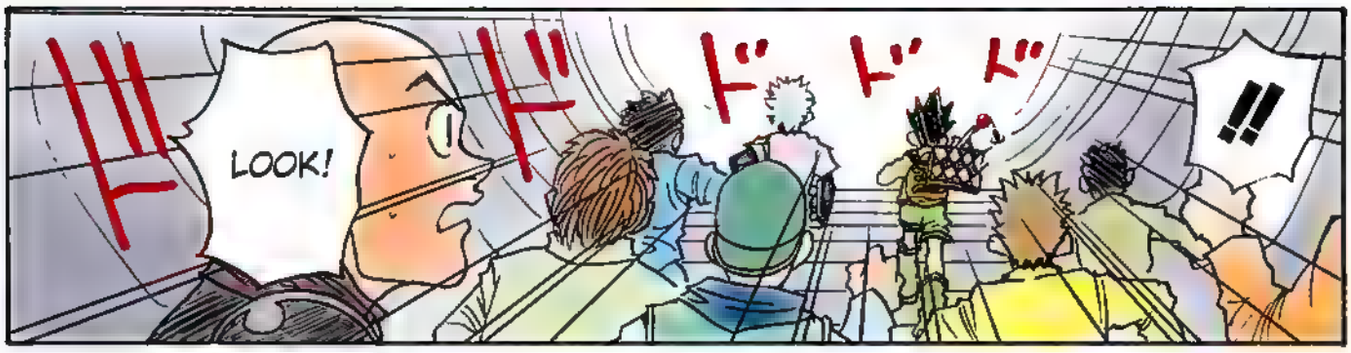
*TRIPLE STAR HUNTERS ARE THE HIGHEST CLASS OF HUNTERS. THERE ARE LESS THAN 10 IN THE WORLD. REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE SEVERAL ACHIEVEMENTS WITH GLOBAL RAMIFICATIONS OR HISTORICAL DISCOVERIES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.




SO AFTER LISTENING TO HIM...
BUT KITE WAS FULL OF PRIDE WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT HIM, LIKE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF.


MHH, I'M NOT SURE.
IS HE REALLY THAT AMAZING?


...I WANTED TO BECOME A HUNTER, JUST LIKE MY DAD.


LOOK!
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THE EXIT!!

WOW!
FINALLY, I CAN GET OUT OF THIS DARK TUNNEL!
PHEW.
OKAY!
COME ON LEORIO, JUST A LITTLE MORE!
!?
...IS THIS PLACE.
WHAT...
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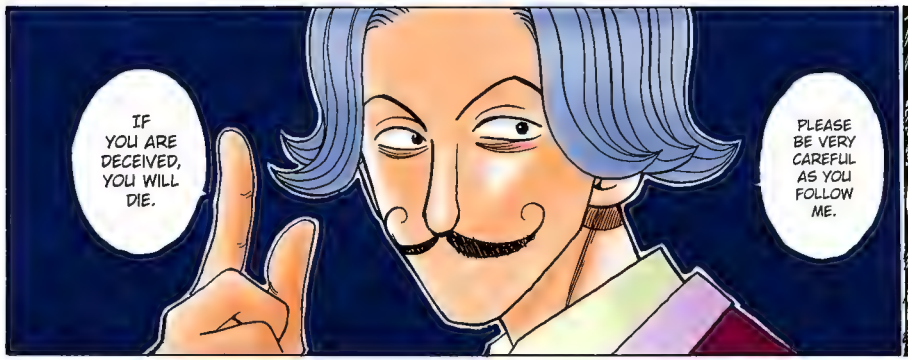
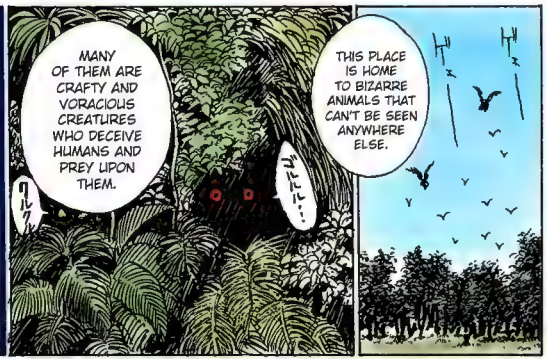
WE MUST CROSS THESE WETLANDS TO REACH PHASE TWO OF THE EXAM.

THE MILSY WETLANDS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "SWINDLERS SWAMPS".





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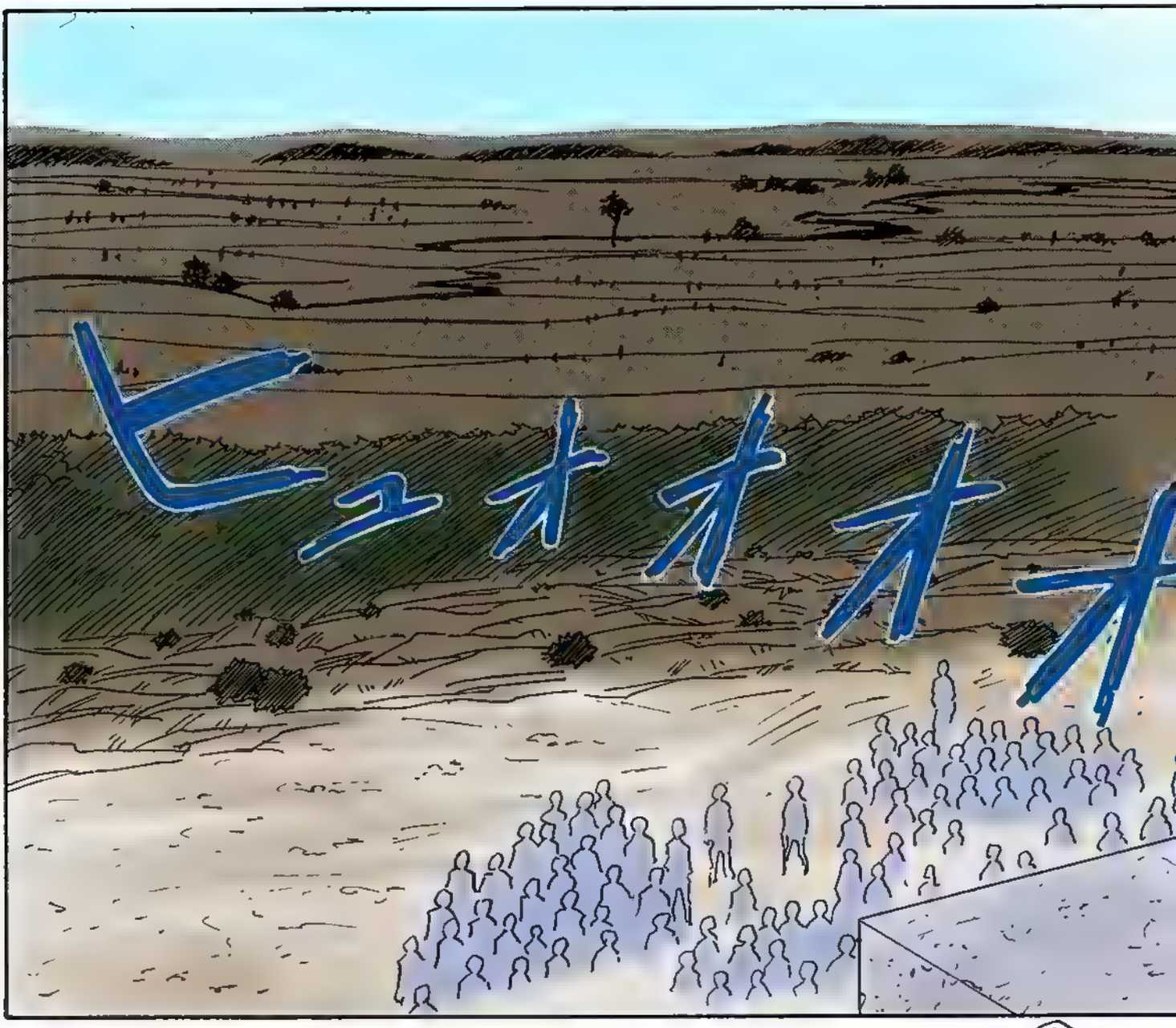
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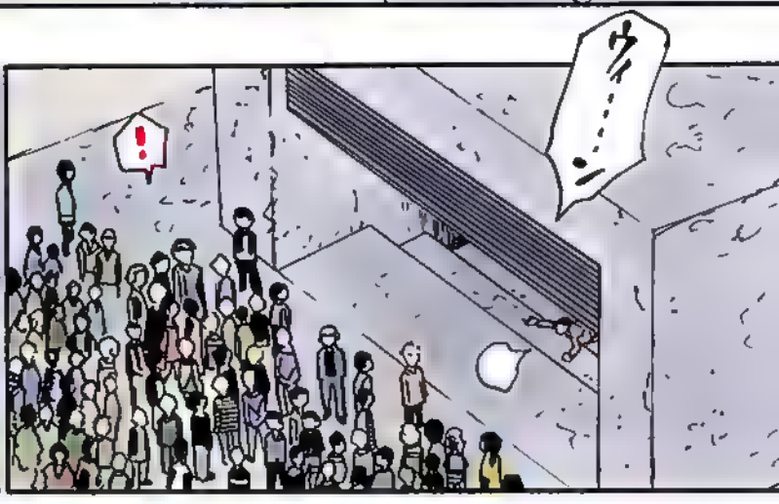
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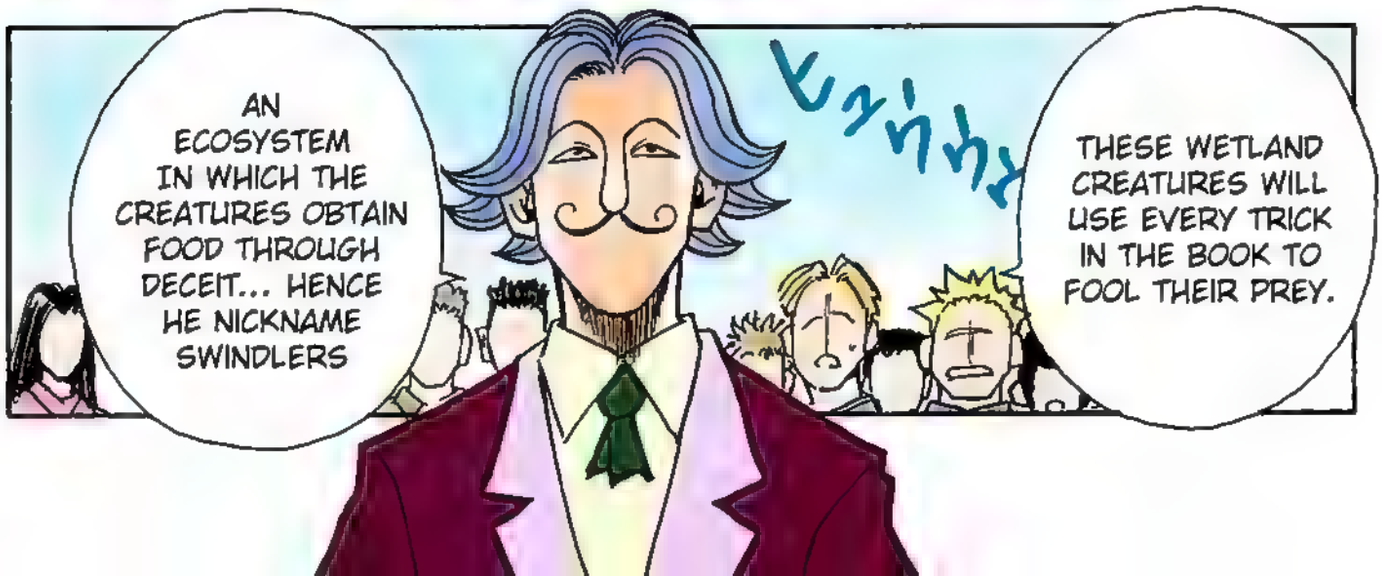
AN ECOSYSTEM IN WHICH THE CREATURES OBTAIN FOOD THROUGH DECEIT... HENCE HE NICKNAME SWINDLERS
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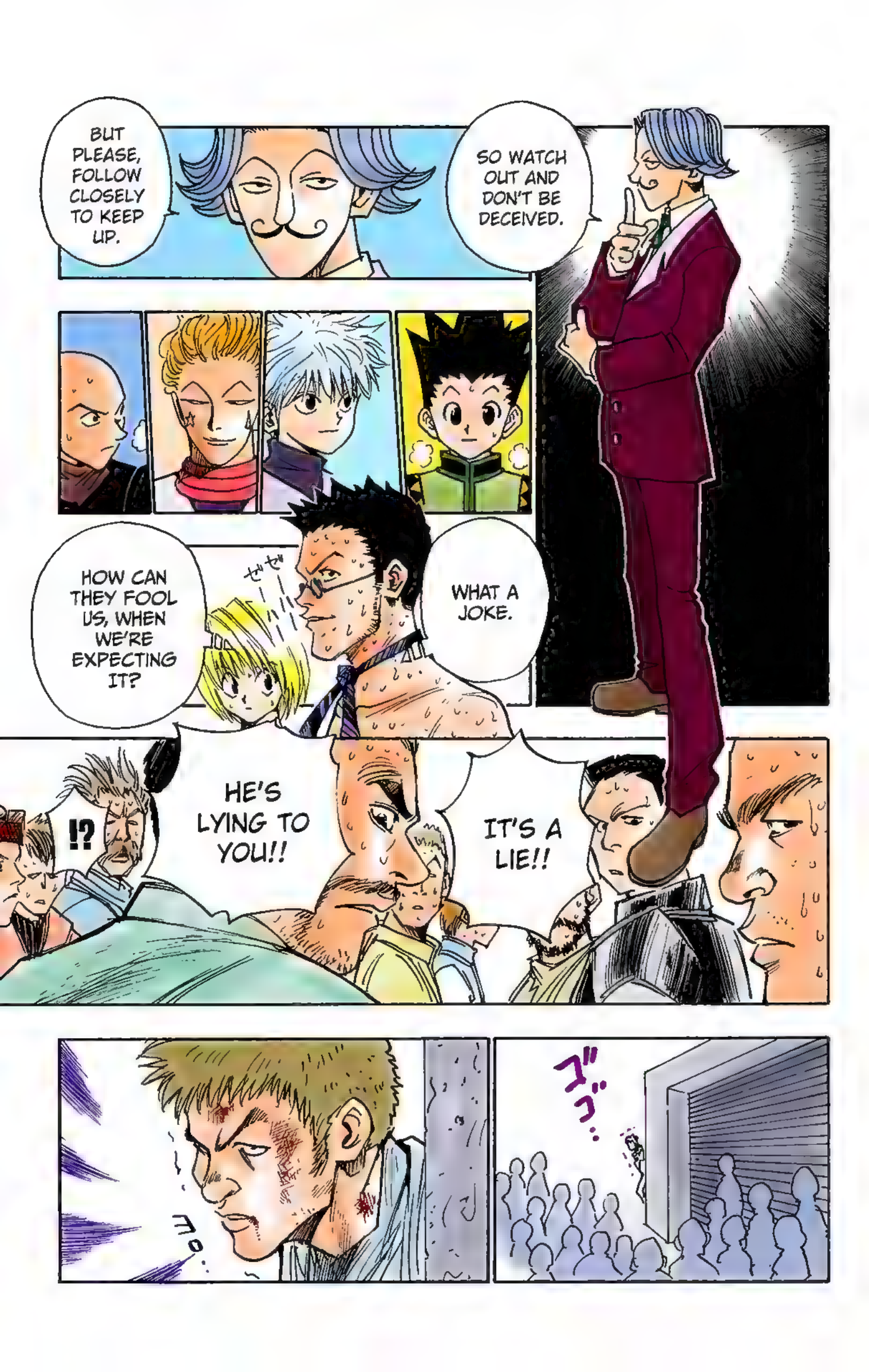
THESE WETLAND CREATURES WILL USE EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK TO FOOL THEIR PREY.


BUT PLEASE, FOLLOW CLOSELY TO KEEP UP.
SO WATCH OUT AND DON'T BE DECEIVED.
HOW CAN THEY FOOL US, WHEN WE'RE EXPECTING IT?
WHAT A JOKE.
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HE'S LYING TO YOU!!
IT'S A LIE!!
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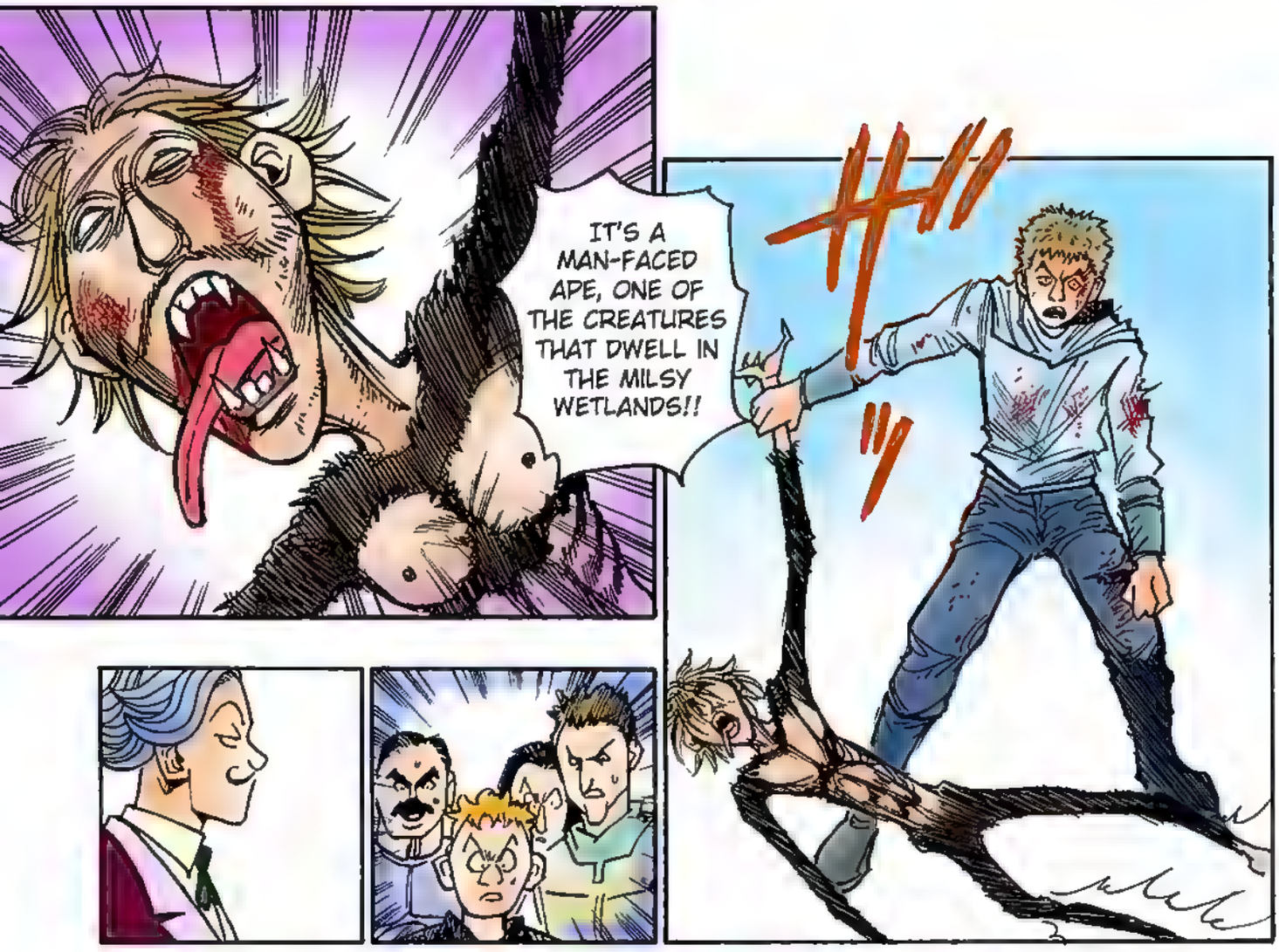
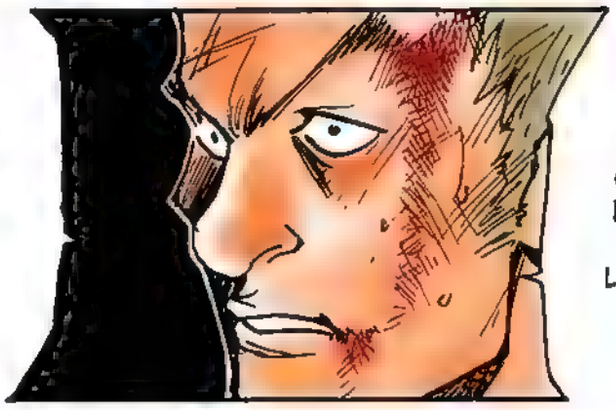
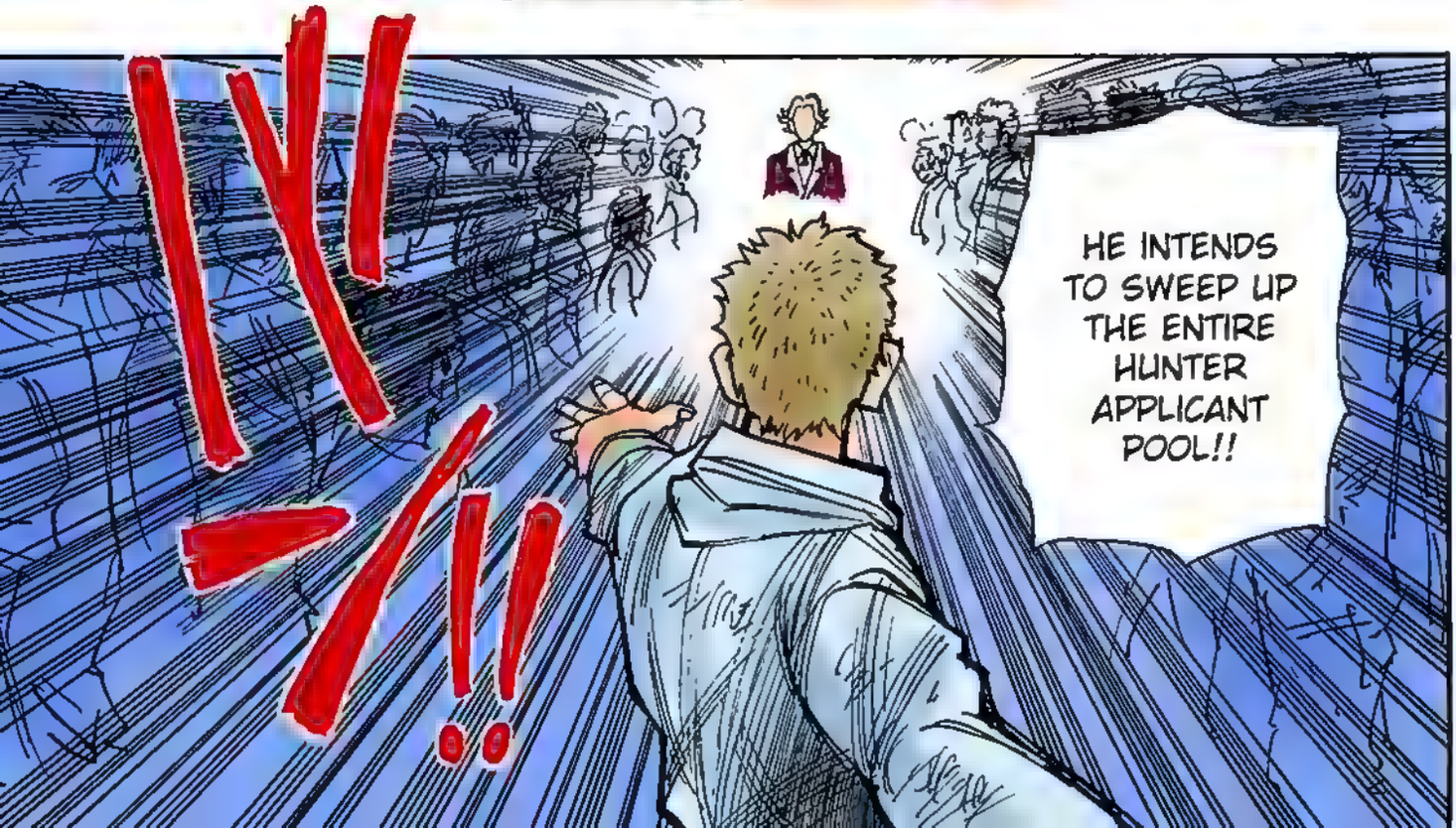
I'M THE REAL EXAMINER!!
HE'S AN IMPOSTER!! HE ISN'T AN EXAMINER..
TAKE A LOOK!!
THEN WHO IS HE...?!
AN IMPOS-TOR?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!


IT'S A MAN-FACED APE, ONE OF THE CREATURES THAT DWELL IN THE MILSY WETLANDS!!


THAT'S WHY THEY DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS HUMANS. THEY TRICK HUMANS INTO FOLLOWING THEM INTO THESE WETLANDS WHERE THEY TEAM UP WITH OTHER ANIMALS TO KILL AND DEVOUR THEM!!
MAN-FACED APES LOVE THE TASTE OF FRESH HUMAN FLESH. HOWEVER, THEIR LIMBS ARE LONG AND THIN, SO THEY'RE QUITE WEAK.


HE INTENDS TO SWEEP UP THE ENTIRE HUNTER APPLICANT POOL!!

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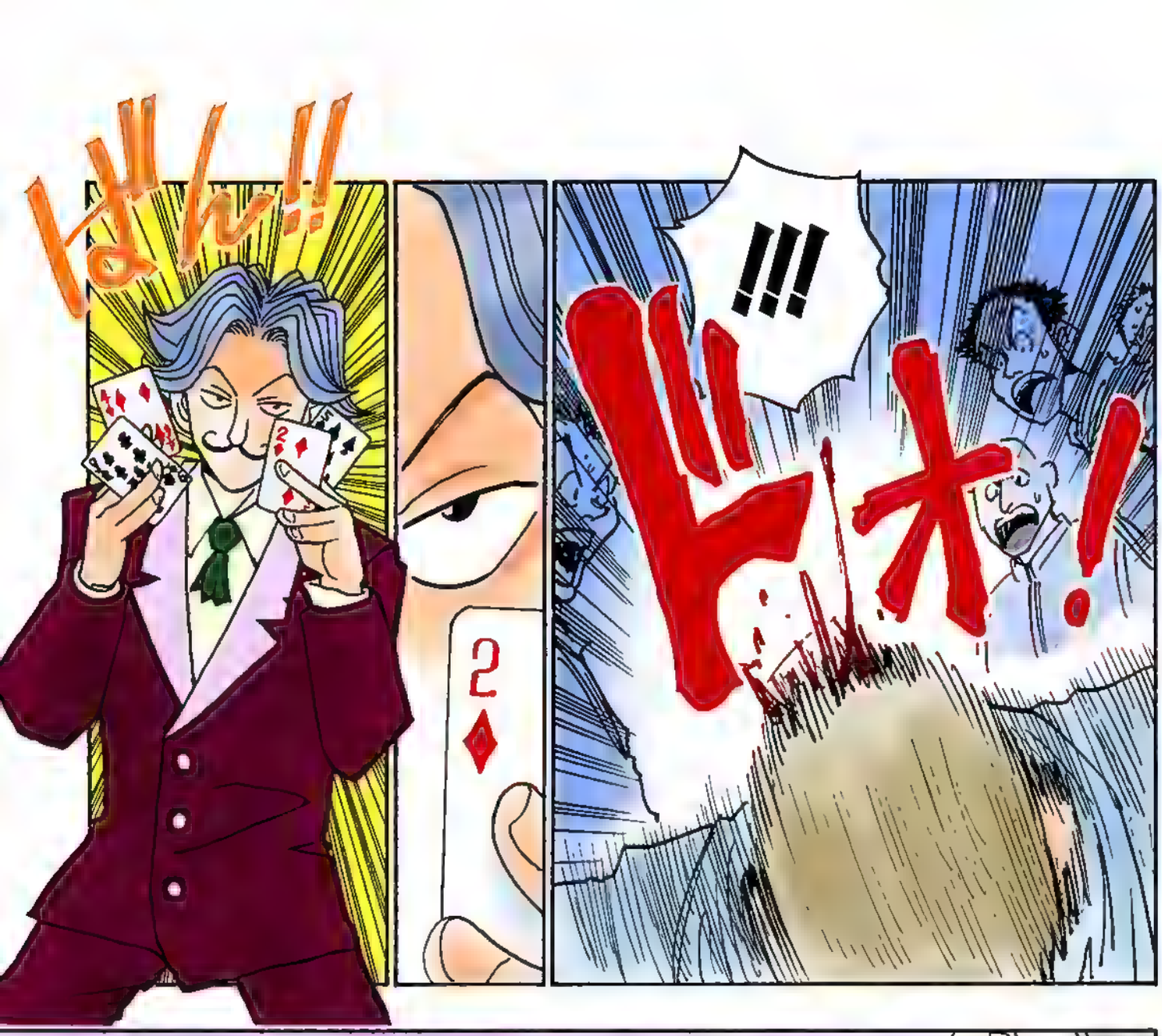
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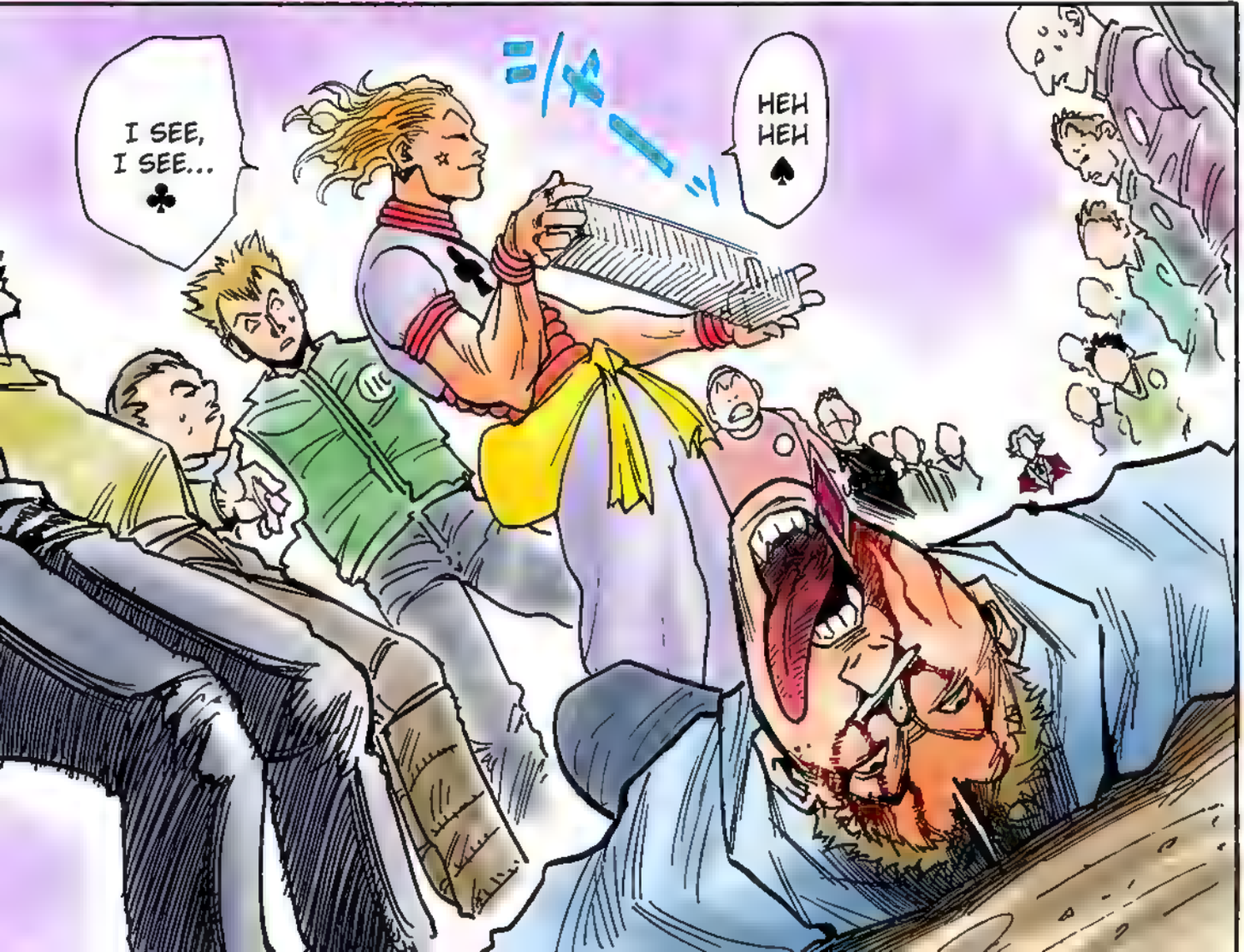
I SEE, I SEE...
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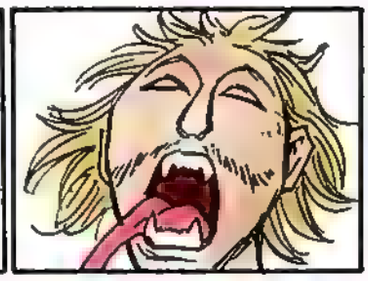

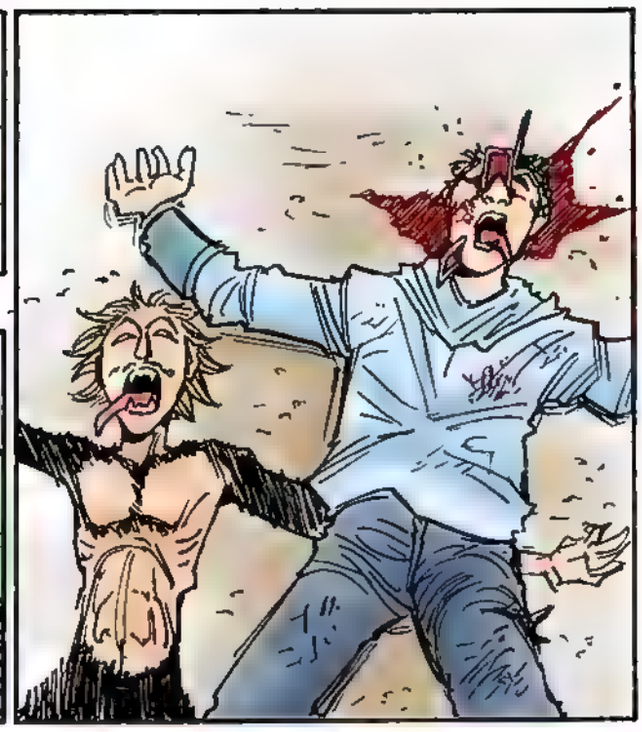

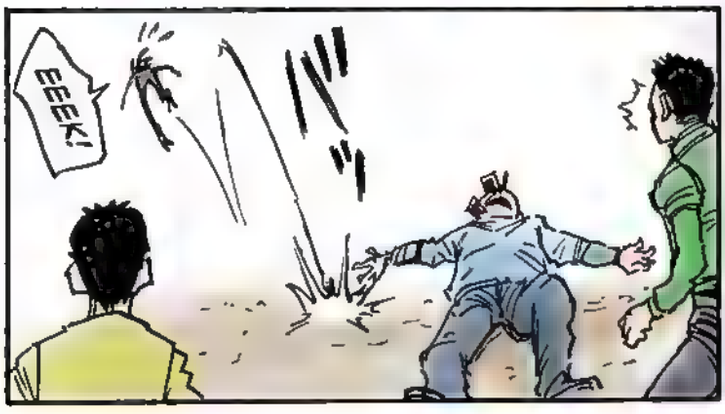
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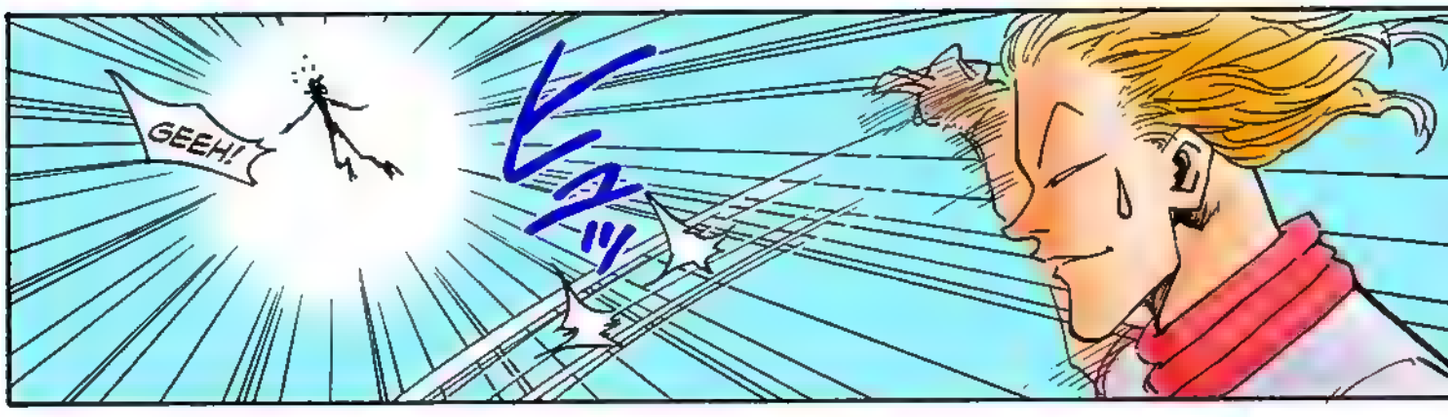
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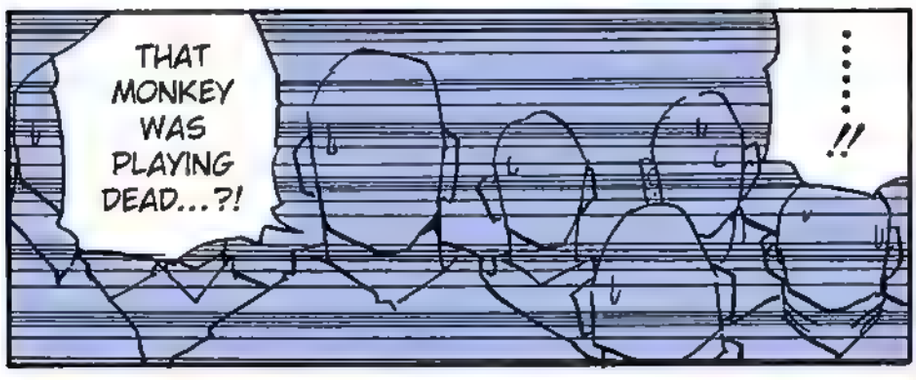
THAT MONKEY WAS PLAYING DEAD...?!
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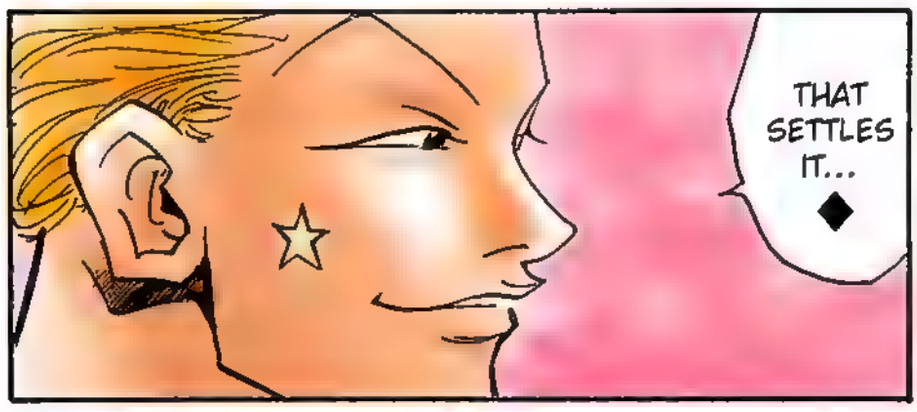
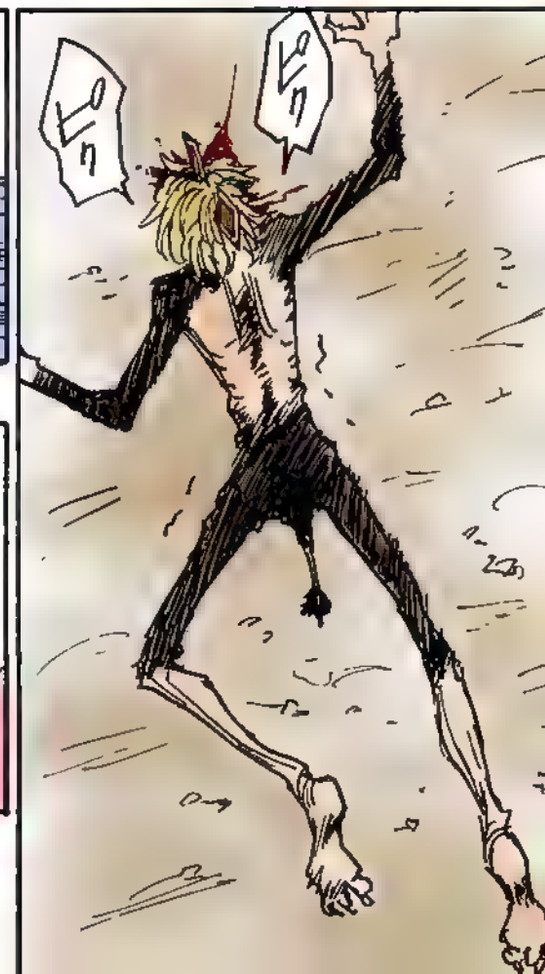

THAT SETTLES IT...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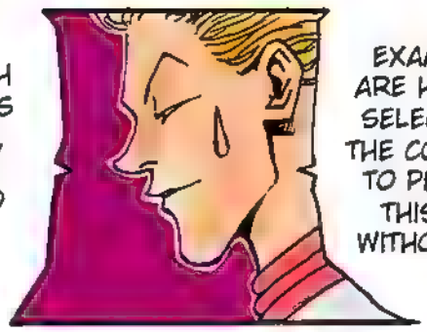
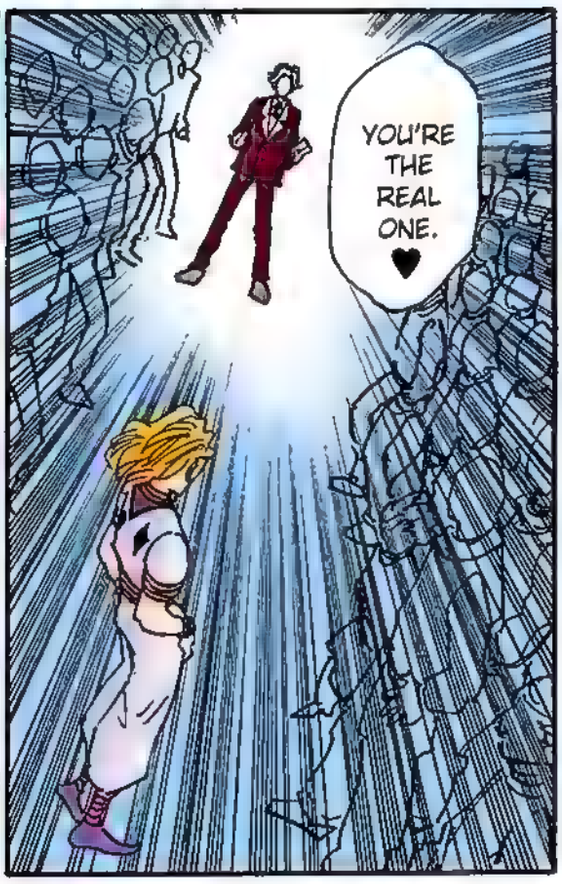

A SIMPLE HUNTER, WHICH WE OURSELVES ASPIRE TO BE, WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BLOCK MY ATTACK. ♣
EXAMINERS ARE HUNTERS SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO PERFORM THIS DUTY WITHOUT PAY. ♠

HOW-EVER ...
I SHALL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.


YOU'RE THE REAL ONE. ♥

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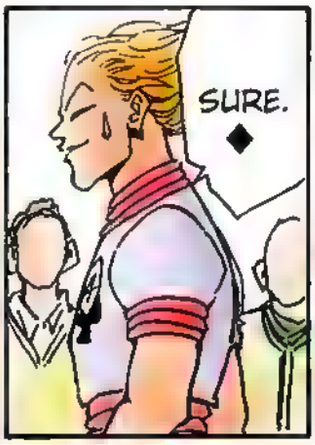
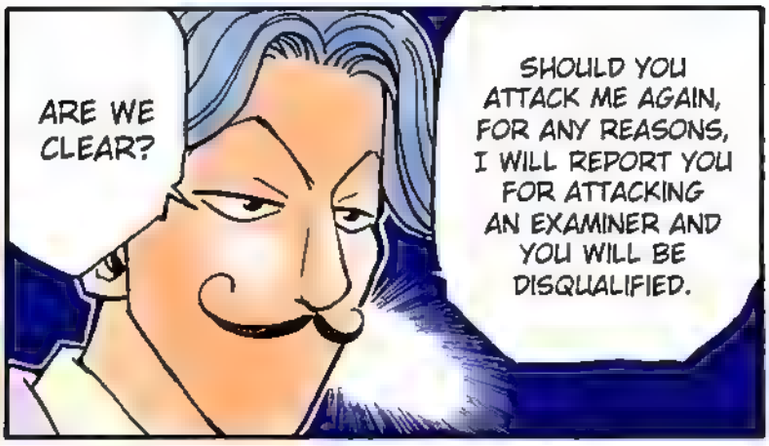
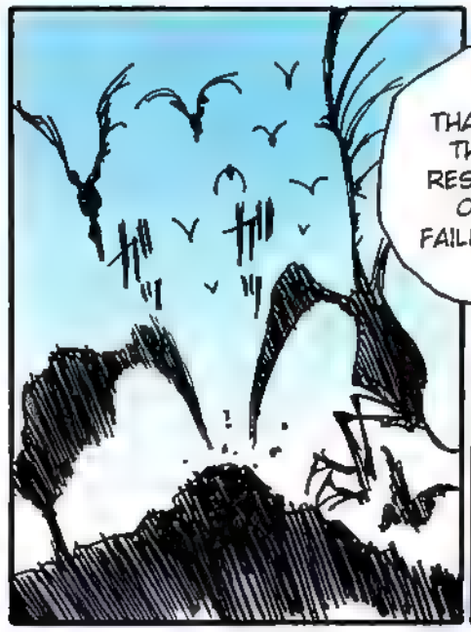
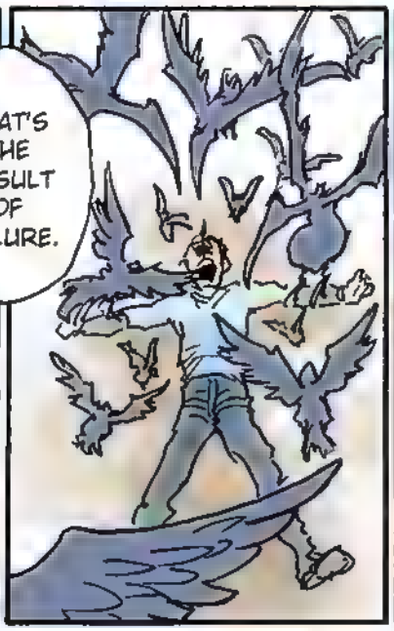
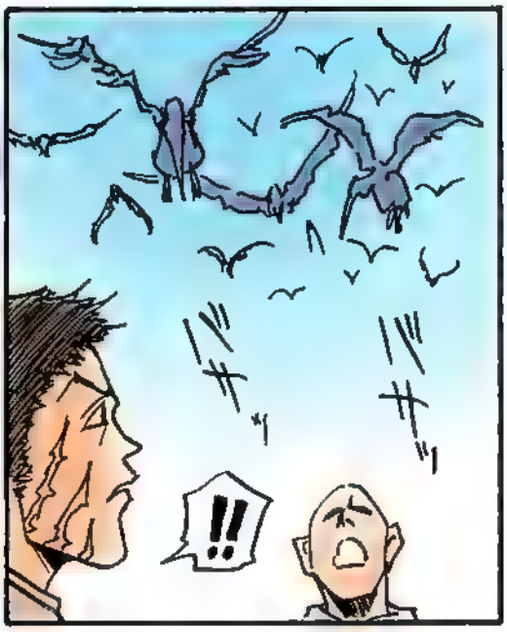

SURE. ◆


ARE WE CLEAR?
SHOULD YOU ATTACK ME AGAIN, FOR ANY REASONS, I WILL REPORT YOU FOR ATTACKING AN EXAMINER AND YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.




THAT'S THE RESULT OF FAILURE.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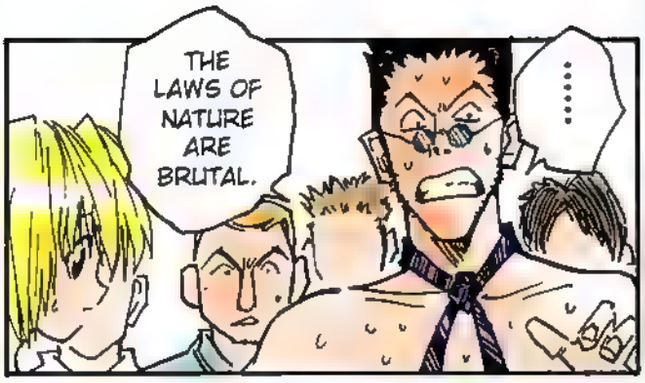
THE LAWS OF NATURE ARE BRUTAL.
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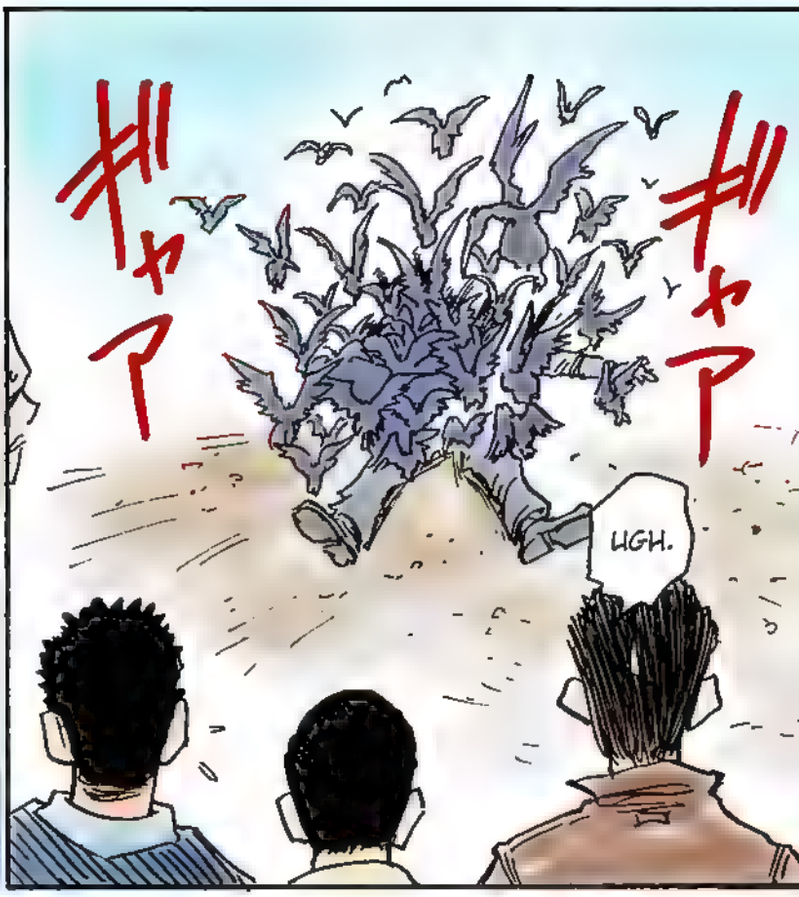
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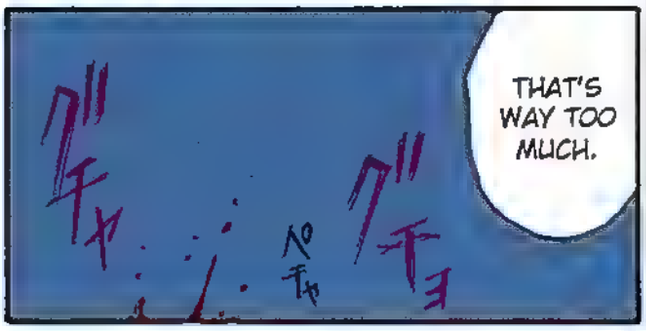
THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH.
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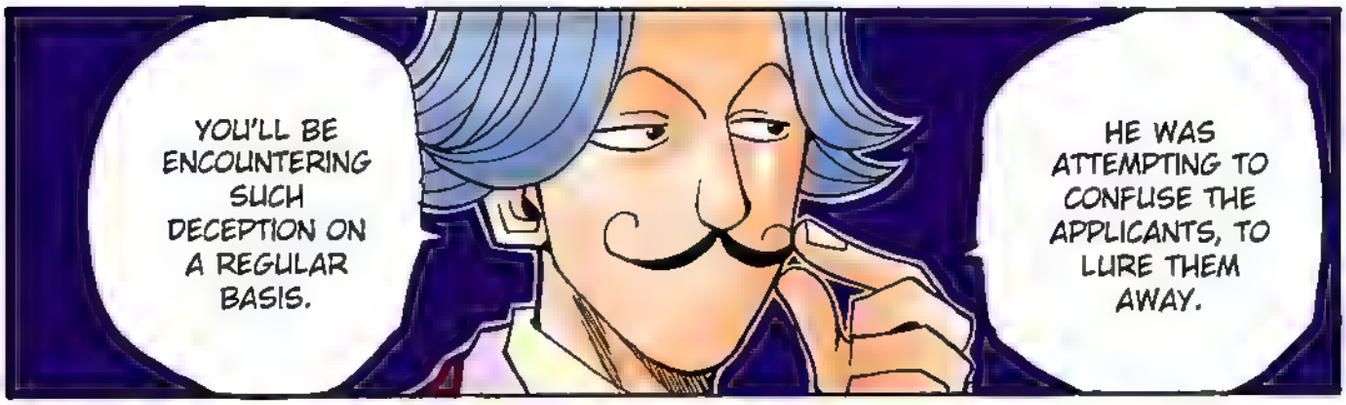
YOU'LL BE ENCOUNTERING SUCH DECEPTION ON A REGULAR BASIS.
HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO CONFUSE THE APPLICANTS, TO LURE THEM AWAY.

OFF TO THE SECOND PHASE.
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NOW LET'S CONTINUE...
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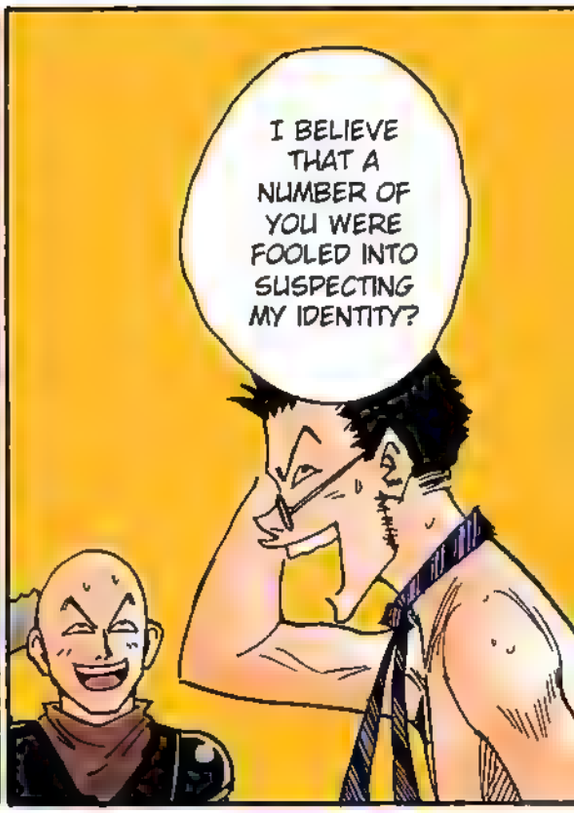
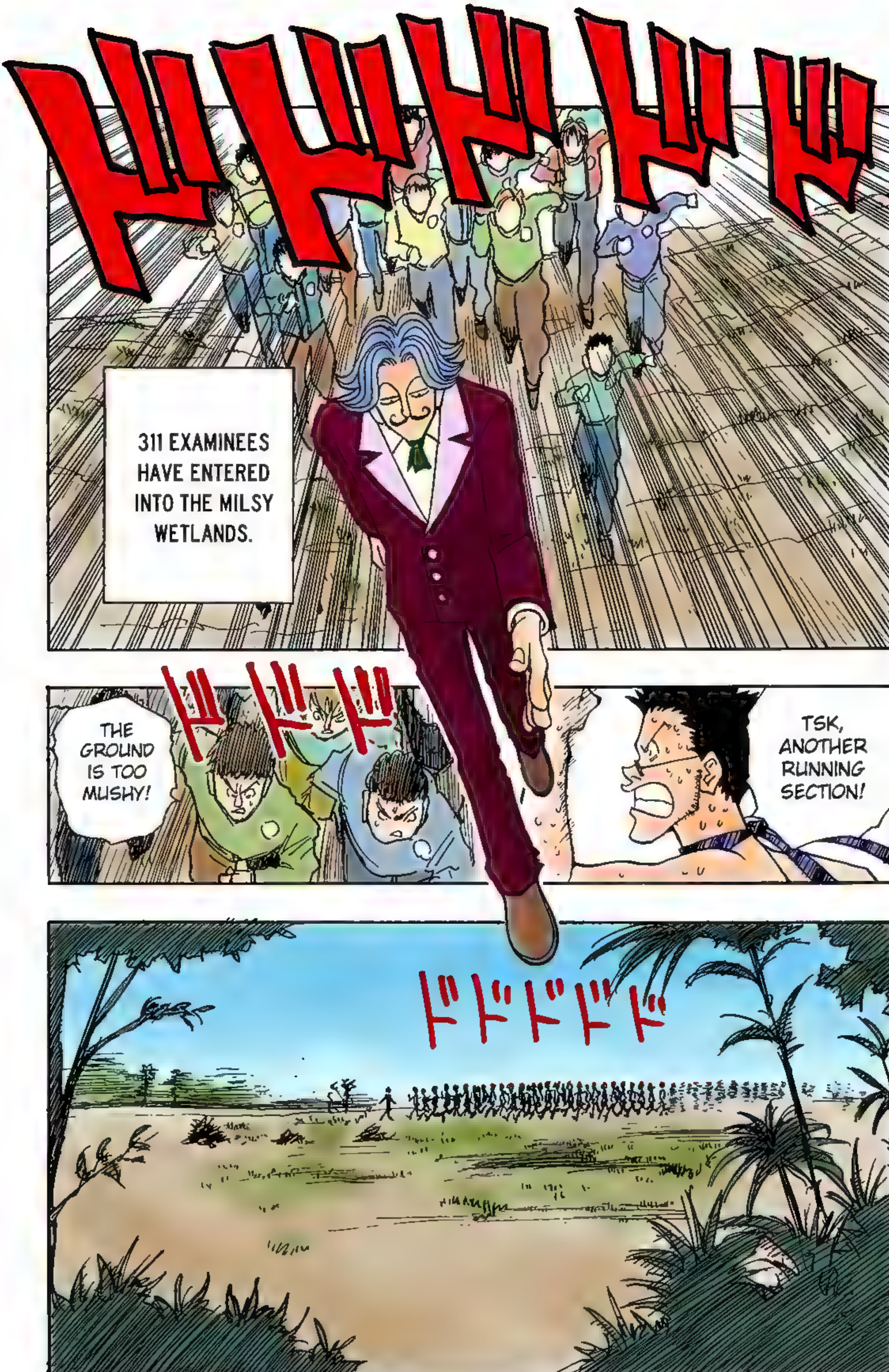

I BELIEVE THAT A NUMBER OF YOU WERE FOOLED INTO SUSPECTING MY IDENTITY?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311 EXAMINEES HAVE ENTERED INTO THE MILSY WETLANDS.
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THE GROUND IS TOO MUSHY!
TSK, ANOTHER RUNNING SECTION!
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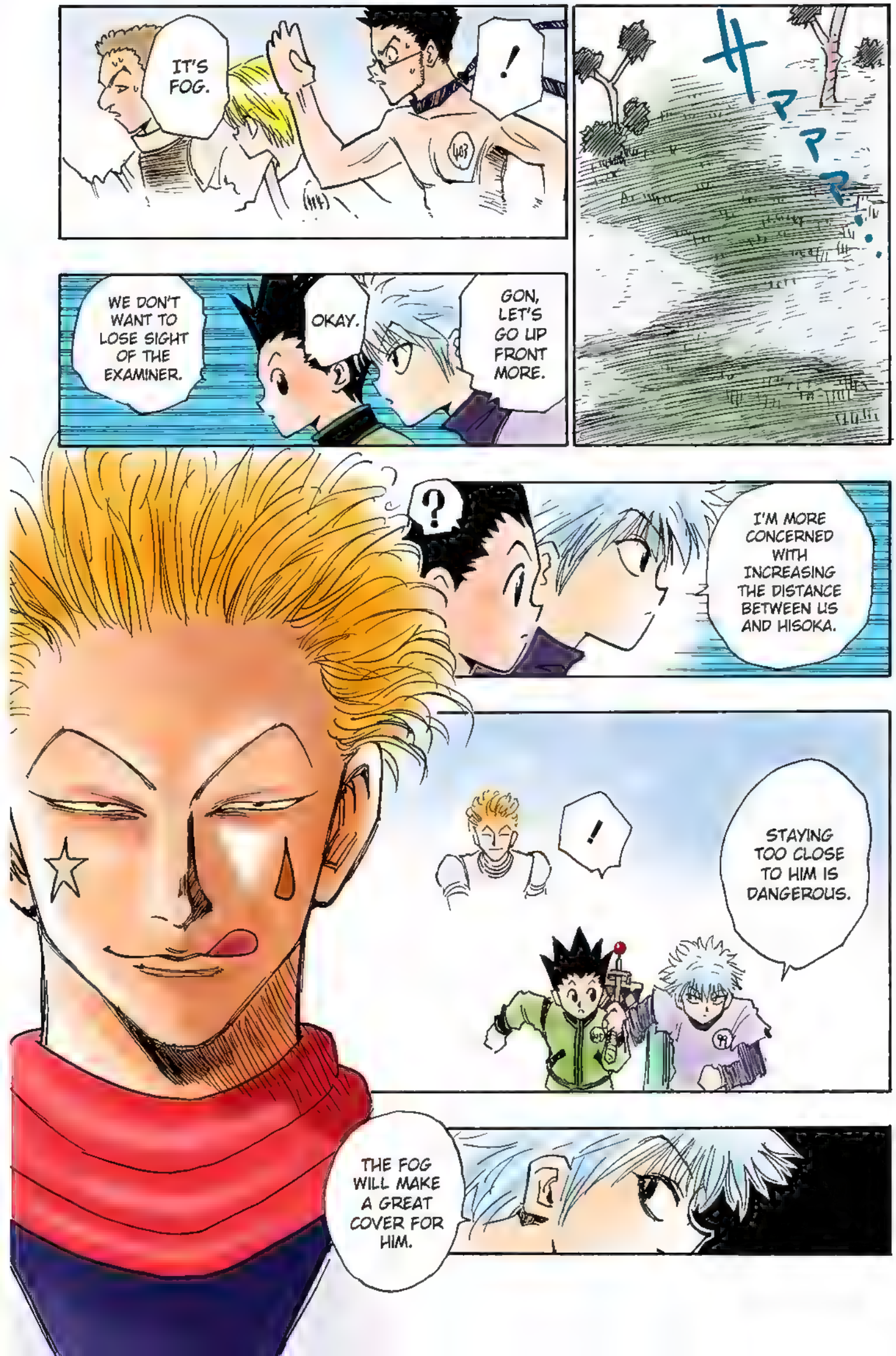
IT'S FOG.
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WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE EXAMINER.
OKAY.
GON, LET'S GO UP FRONT MORE.
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I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH INCREASING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND HISOKA.
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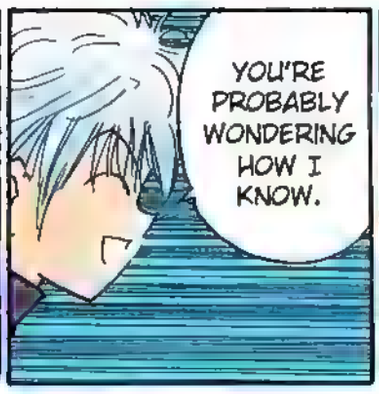
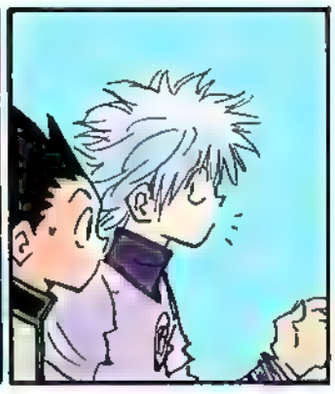
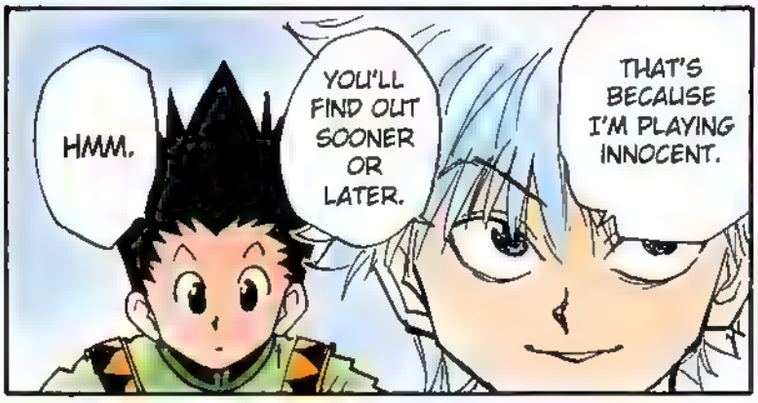
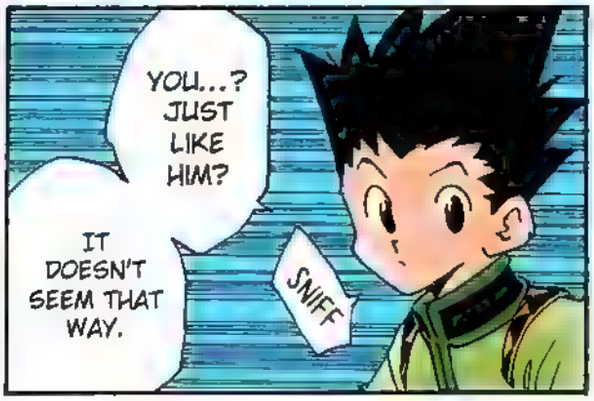
STAYING TOO CLOSE TO HIM IS DANGEROUS.
THE FOG WILL MAKE A GREAT COVER FOR HIM.

I CAN SMELL IT IN HIM.
THING IS, HE'S JUST LIKE ME.


YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING HOW I KNOW.




HMM.
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOONER OR LATER.
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M PLAYING INNOCENT.


YOU...? JUST LIKE HIM?
IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY.
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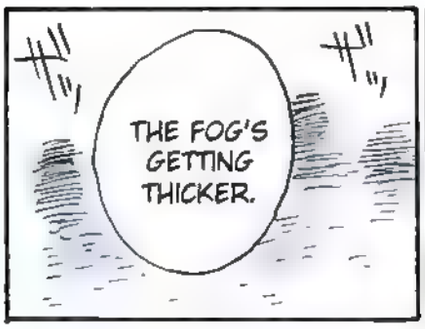
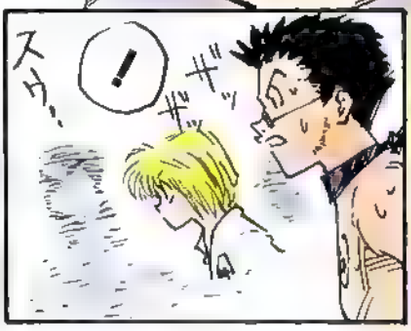
WE WOULD HAVE GONE A LONG TIME AGO IF WE COULD!!
YOU IDIOT!
KILLUA SAID WE'D BETTER MOVE TO THE FRONT!!
LEORIO!! KURAPIKA!!


THE FOG'S GETTING THICKER.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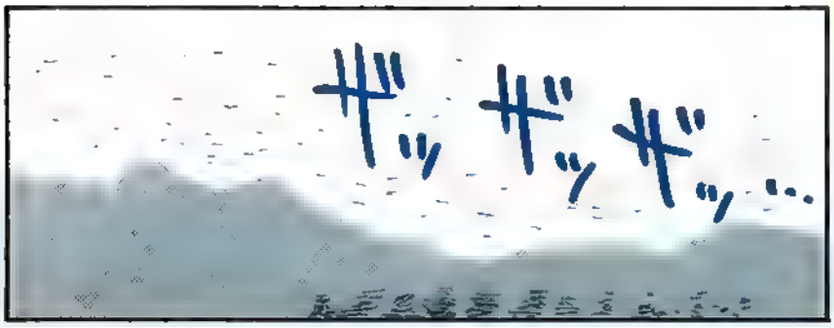
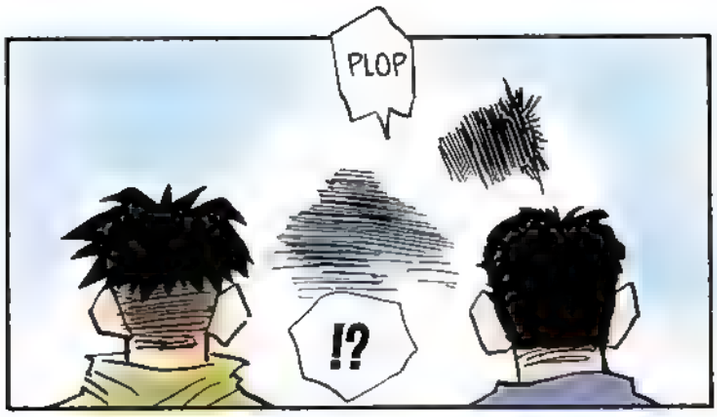
NO SENSE OF SUSPENSE.
YOU HAVE TO DO IT SOME-HOW.
WELL, WE CAN'T!




PLOP
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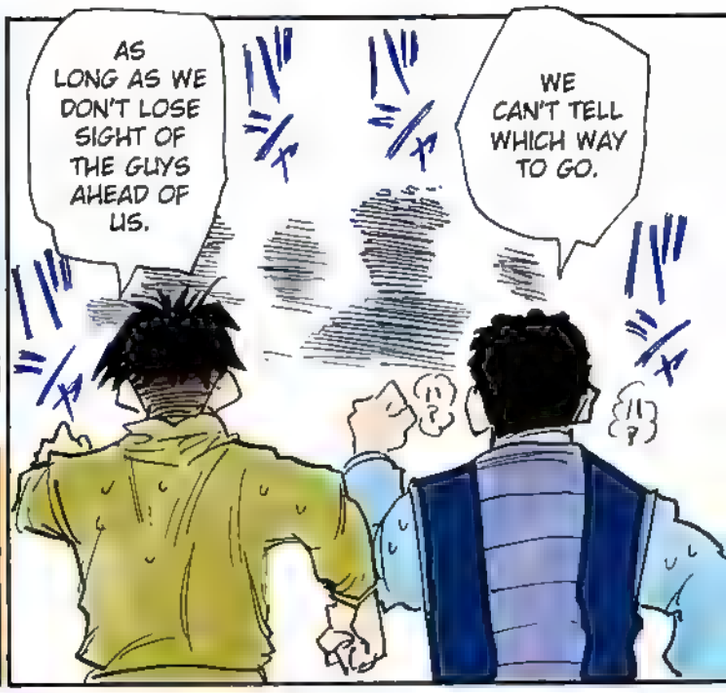
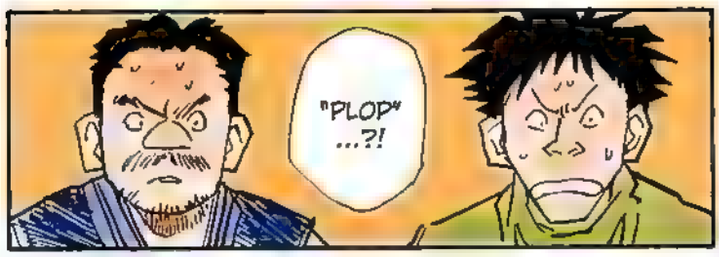
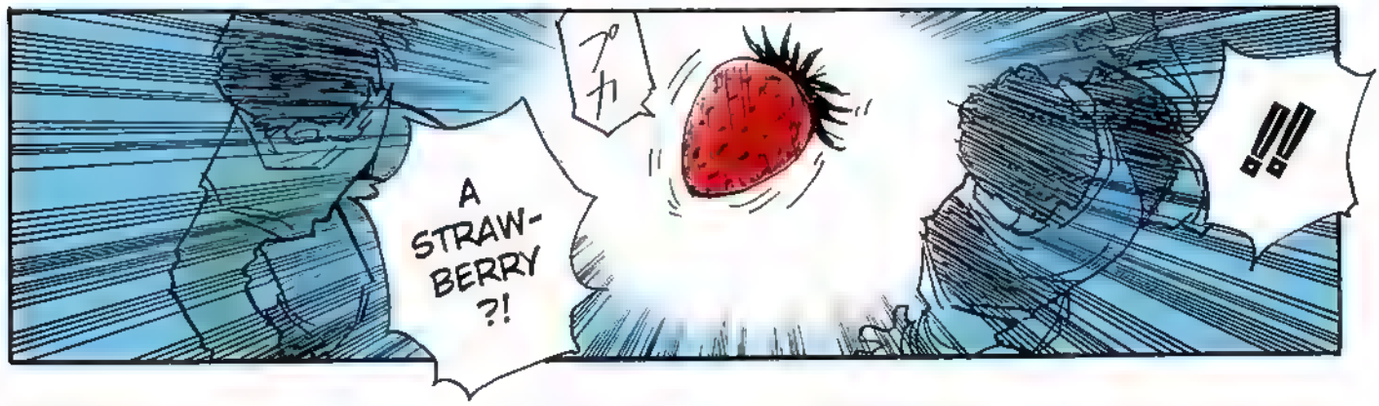

AS LONG AS WE DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE GUYS AHEAD OF US.
WE CAN'T TELL WHICH WAY TO GO.


"PLOP" ...?!


A STRAW-BERRY ?!
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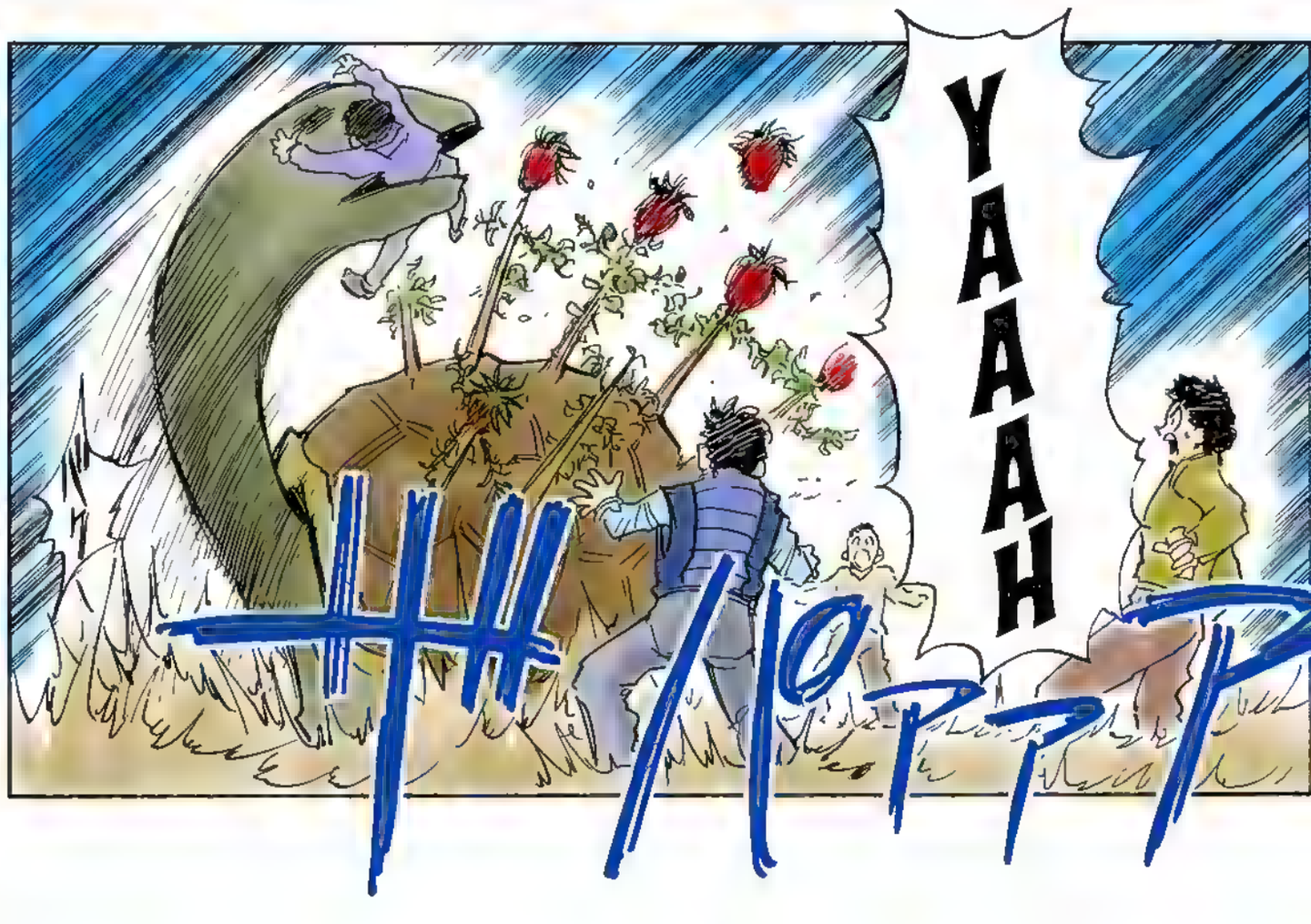
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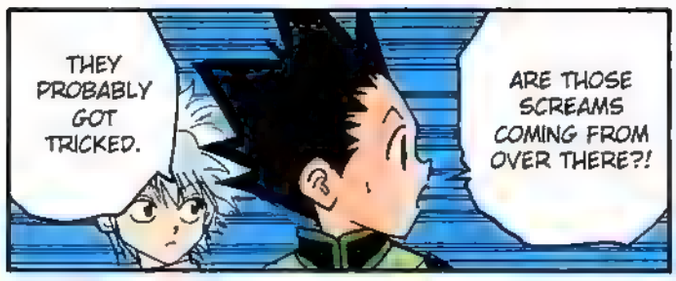
THEY PROBABLY GOT TRICKED.
ARE THOSE SCREAMS COMING FROM OVER THERE?!

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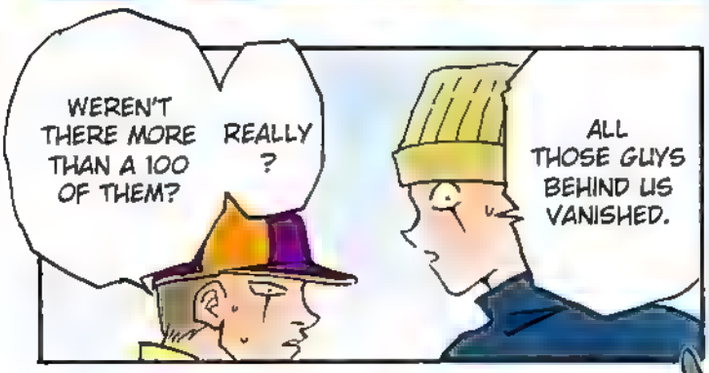
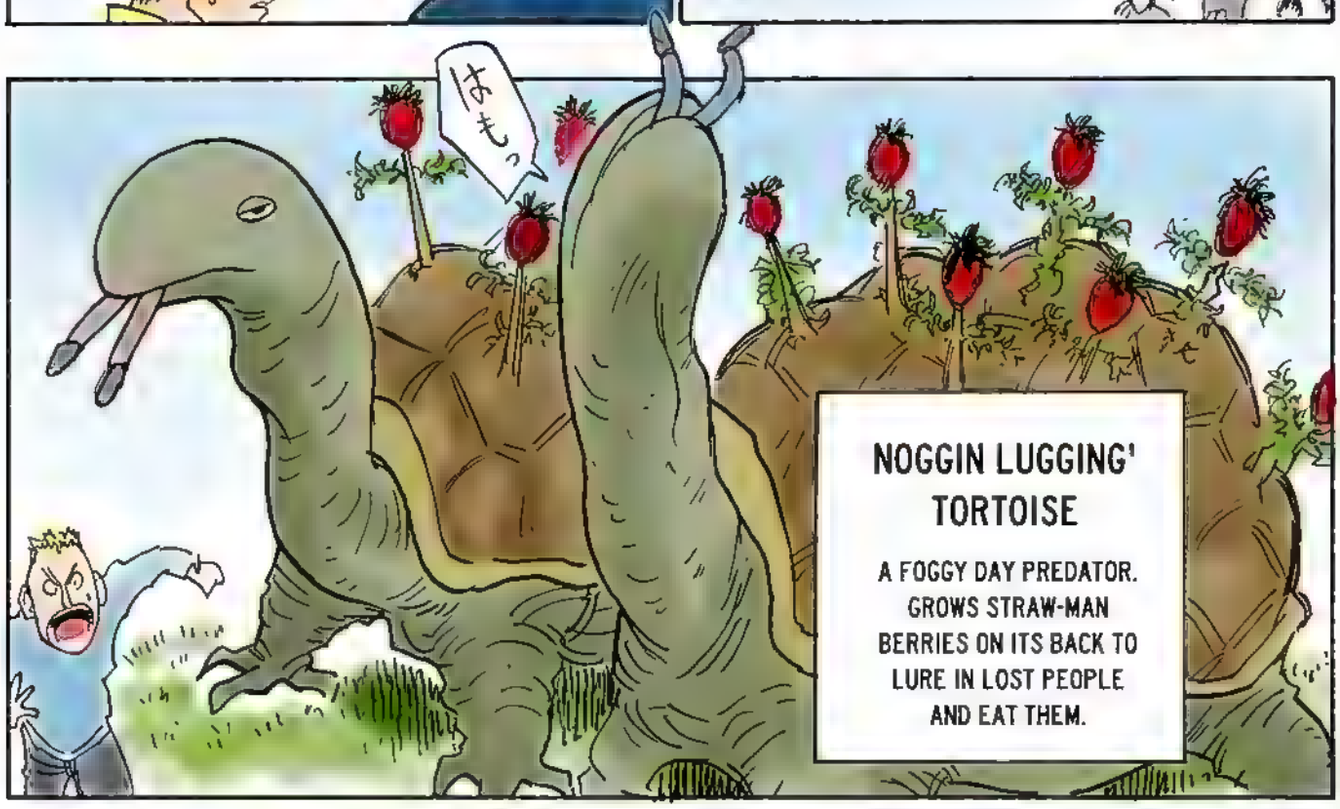

WEREN'T THERE MORE THAN A 100 OF THEM?
REALLY ?
ALL THOSE GUYS BEHIND US VANISHED.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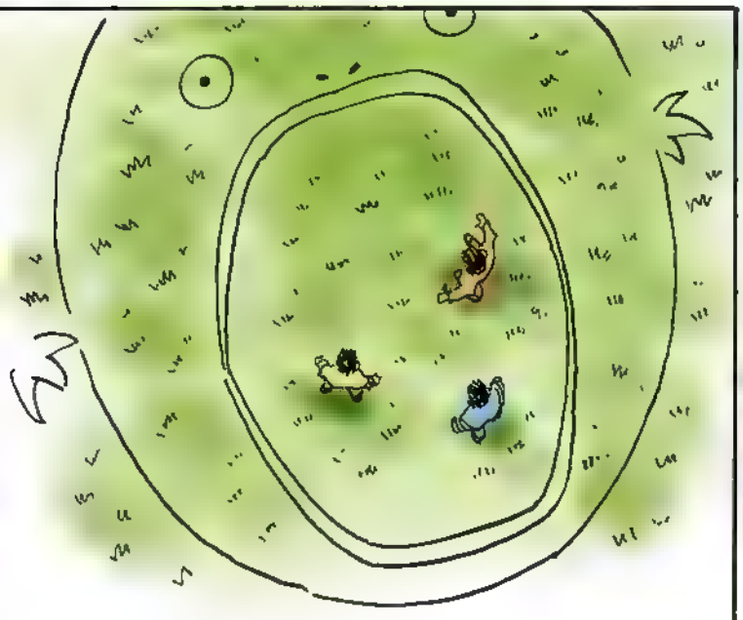
NOGGIN LUGGING' TORTOISE
A FOGGY DAY PREDATOR. GROWS STRAW-MAN BERRIES ON ITS BACK TO LURE IN LOST PEOPLE AND EAT THEM.



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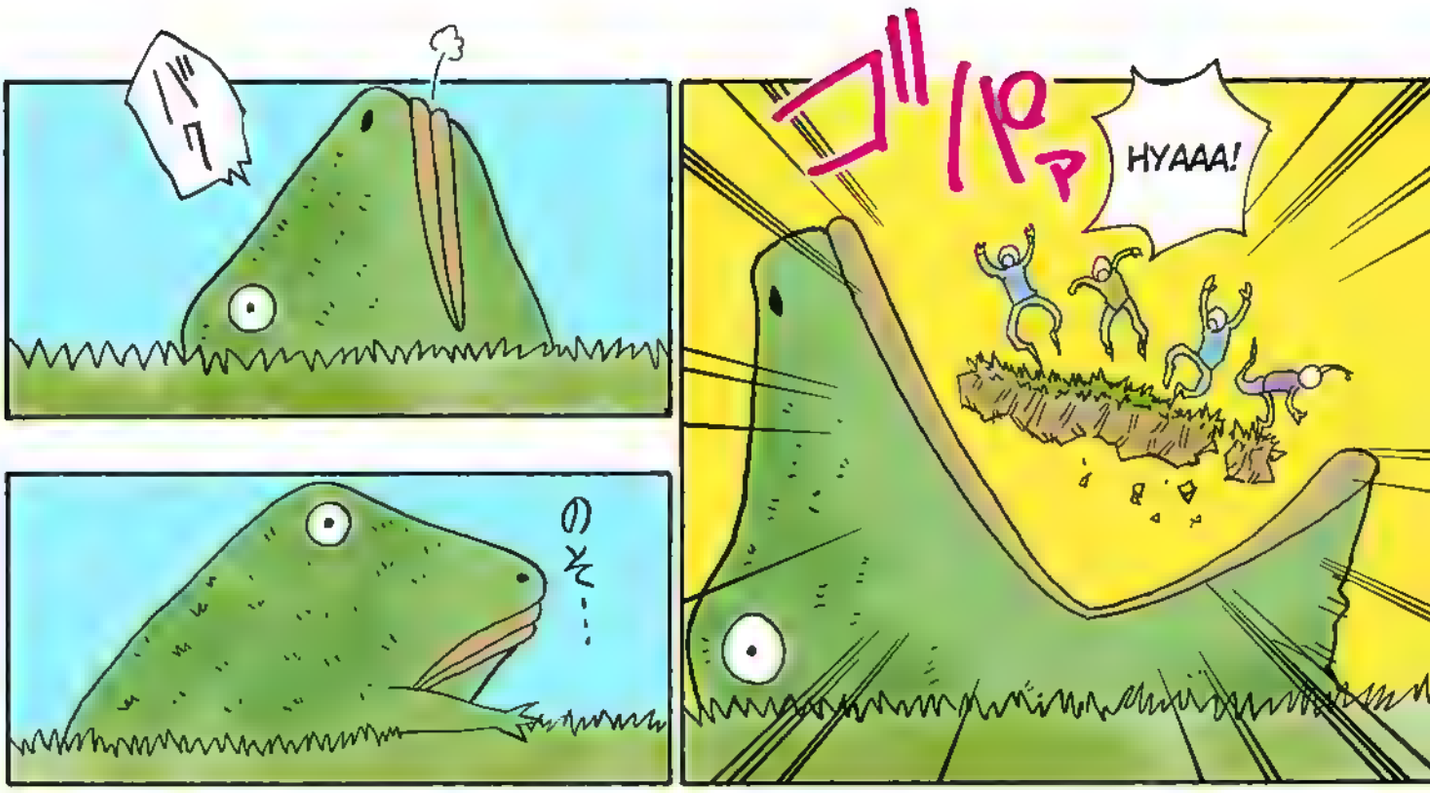
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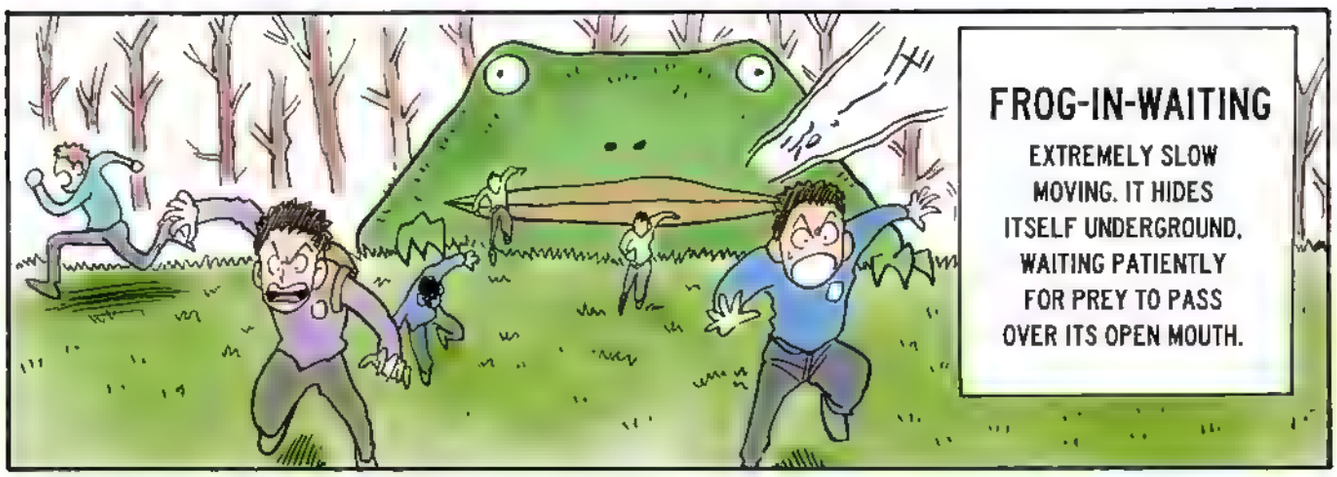
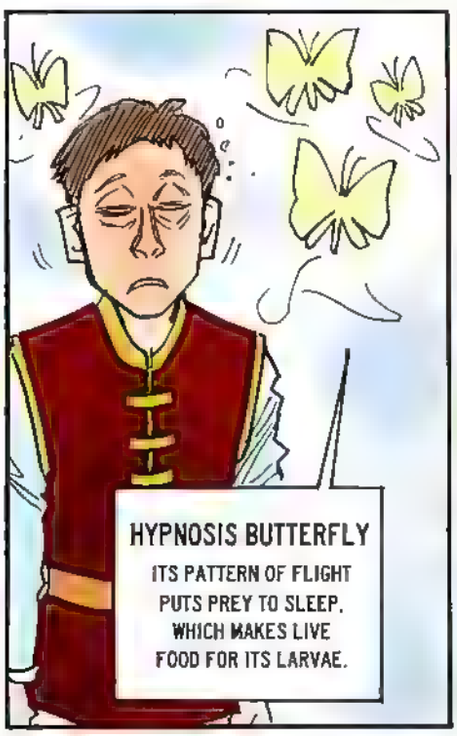
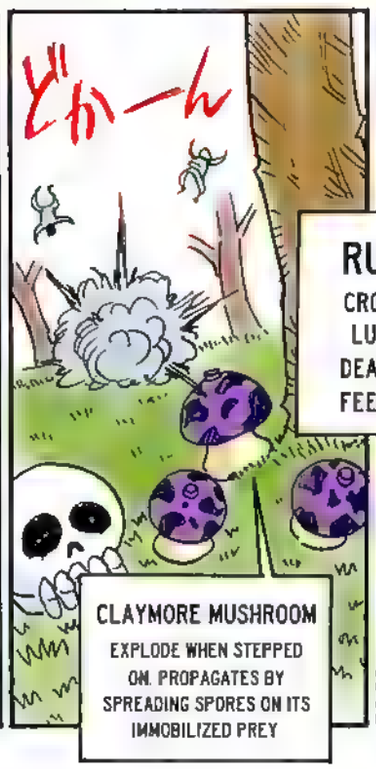

FROG-IN-WAITING
EXTREMELY SLOW MOVING. IT HIDES ITSELF UNDERGROUND, WAITING PATIENTLY FOR PREY TO PASS OVER ITS OPEN MOUTH.


HYPNOSIS BUTTERFLY
ITS PATTERN OF FLIGHT PUTS PREY TO SLEEP, WHICH MAKES LIVE FOOD FOR ITS LARVAE.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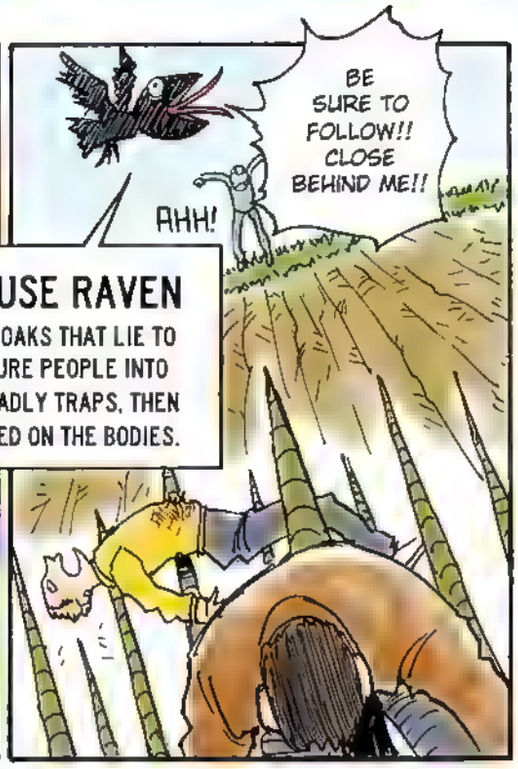
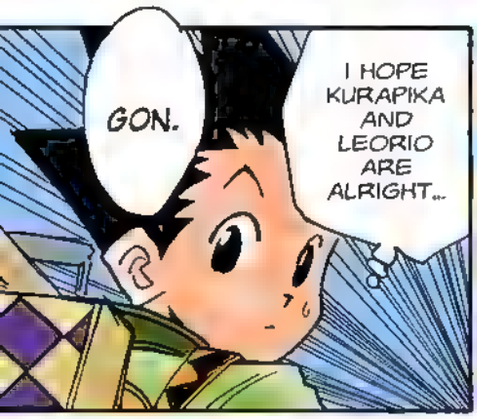
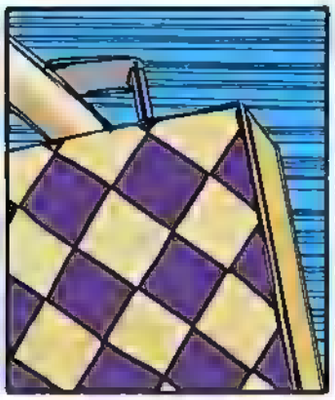
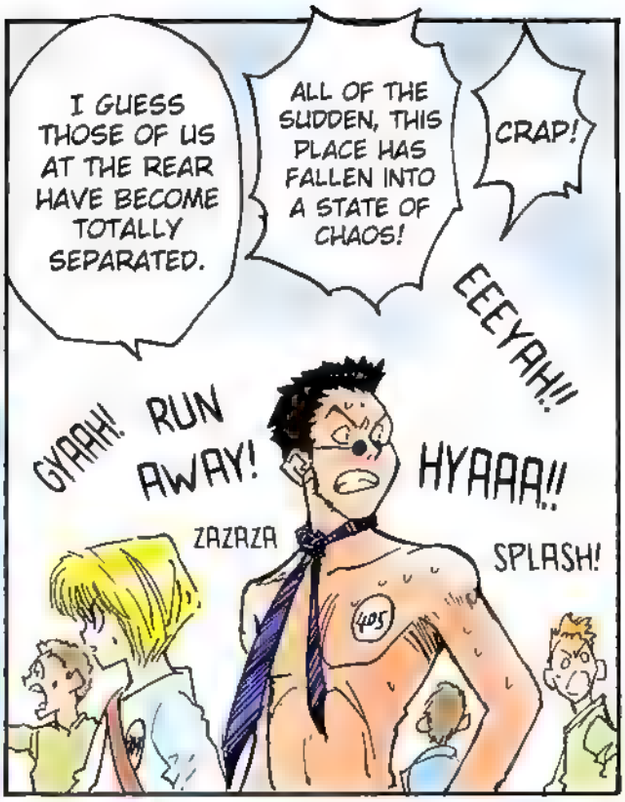
CLAYMORE MUSHROOM
EXPLODE WHEN STEPPED ON. PROPAGATES BY SPREADING SPORES ON ITS IMMOBILIZED PREY

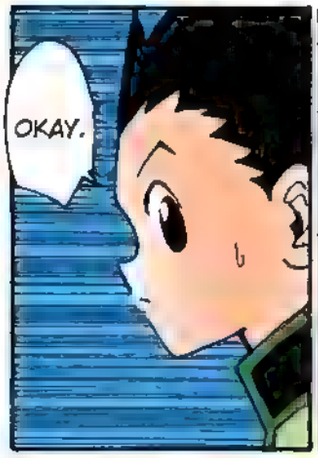

BE SURE TO FOLLOW!! CLOSE BEHIND ME!!
AHH!
RUSE RAVEN
CROAKS THAT LIE TO LURE PEOPLE INTO DEADLY TRAPS, THEN FEED ON THE BODIES.

I WAS CARELESS AND LEFT BEHIND MY LUGGAGE WITH MY WEAPONS!!
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!!

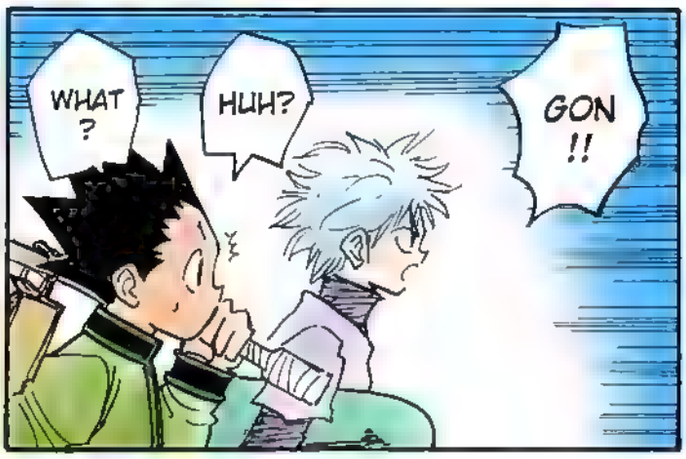

GON.
I HOPE KURAPIKA AND LEORIO ARE ALRIGHT...




I GUESS THOSE OF US AT THE REAR HAVE BECOME TOTALLY SEPARATED.
ALL OF THE SUDDEN, THIS PLACE HAS FALLEN INTO A STATE OF CHAOS!
CRAP!
EEEYAH!!
GYAAH!
RUN AWAY!
HYAAA!!
ZAZAZA
SPLASH!


OKAY.

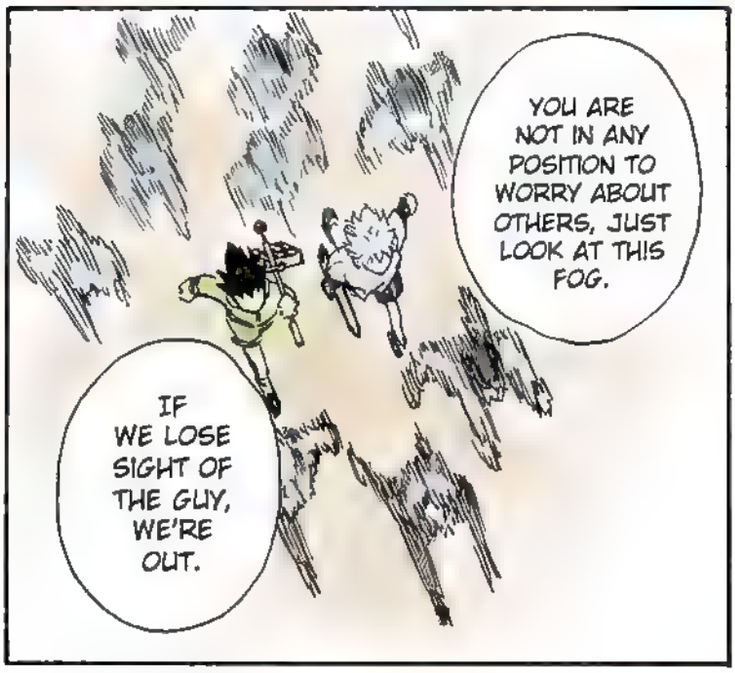
FORGET ABOUT THEM.
WE CAN STILL MAKE IT RIGHT NOW.

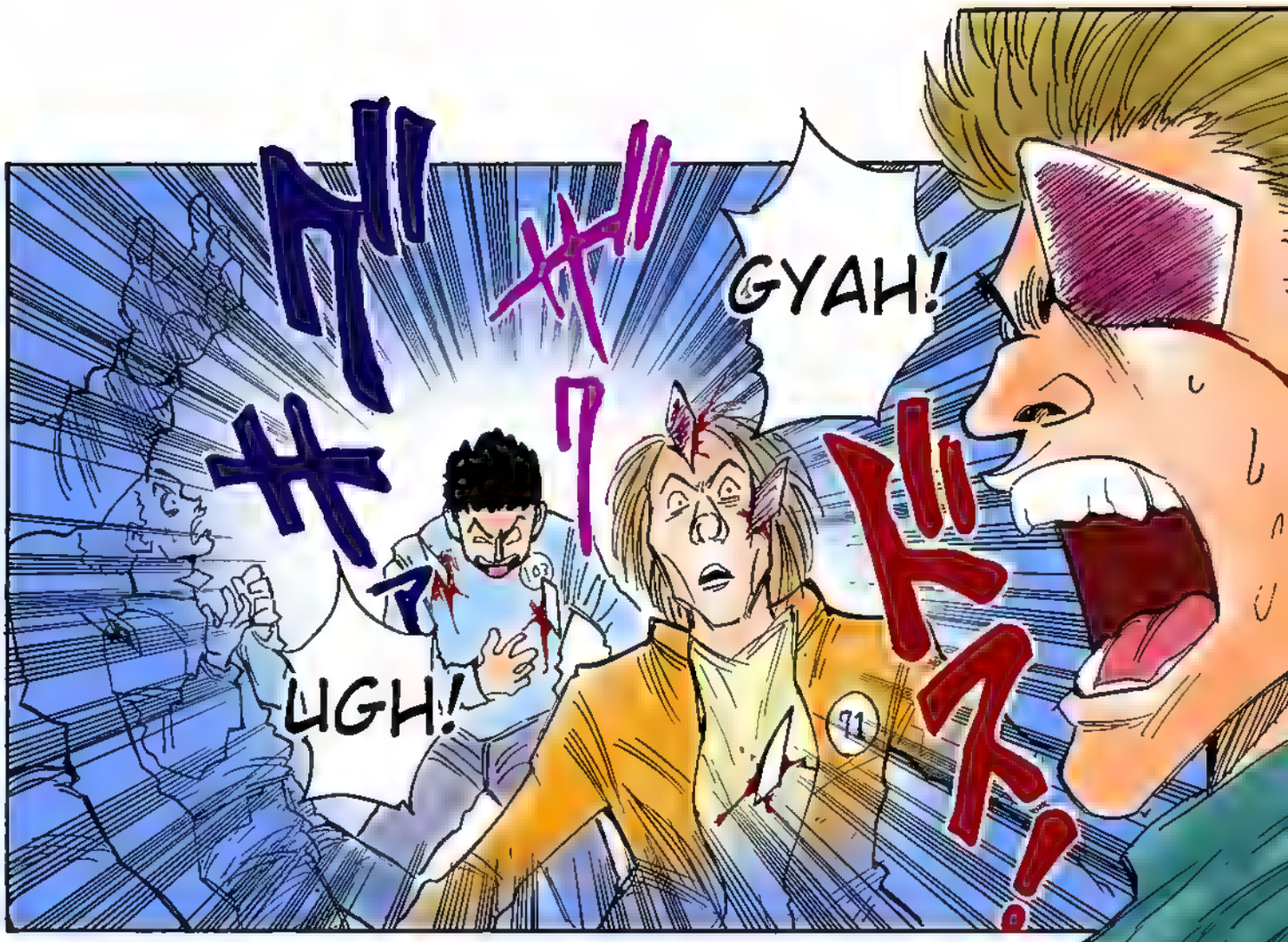

WHAT ?
HUH?
GON !!

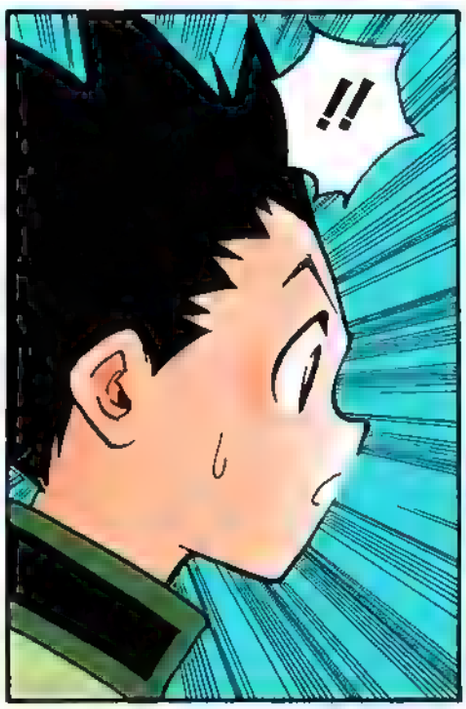
EEYAAH!

AAACK!

JUST HOPE THAT YOU DON'T HEAR YOUR FRIENDS SCREAM.


YOU ARE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS, JUST LOOK AT THIS FOG.
IF WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE GUY, WE'RE OUT.


GYAH!
UGH!
ドスッ!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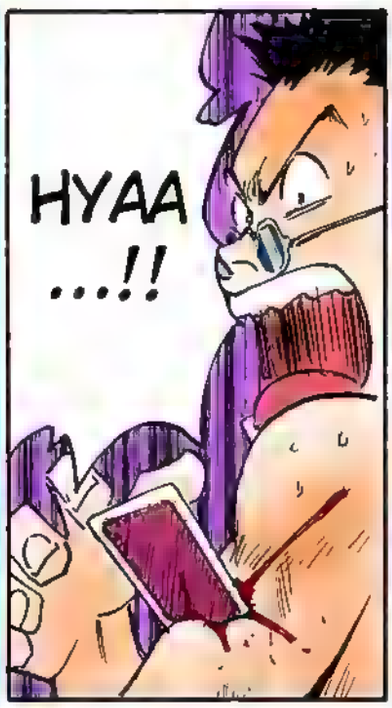
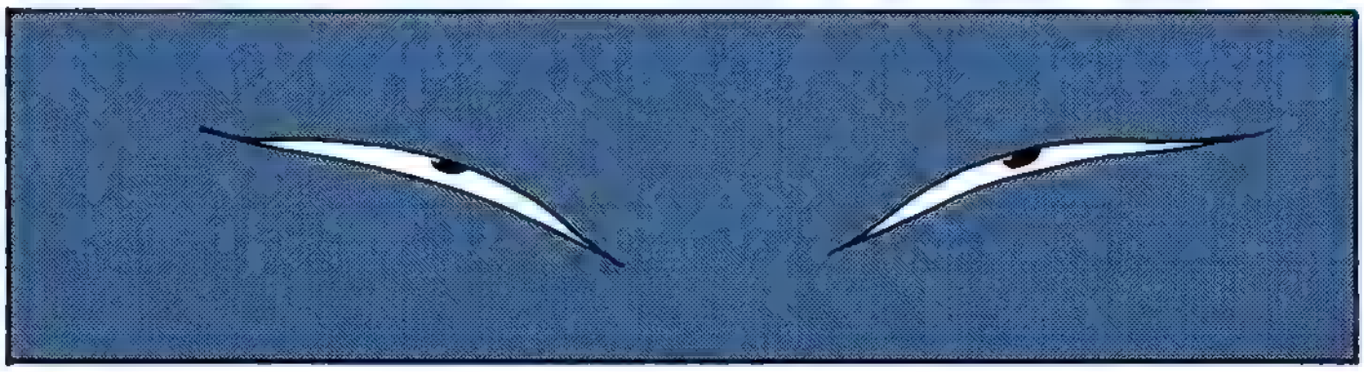
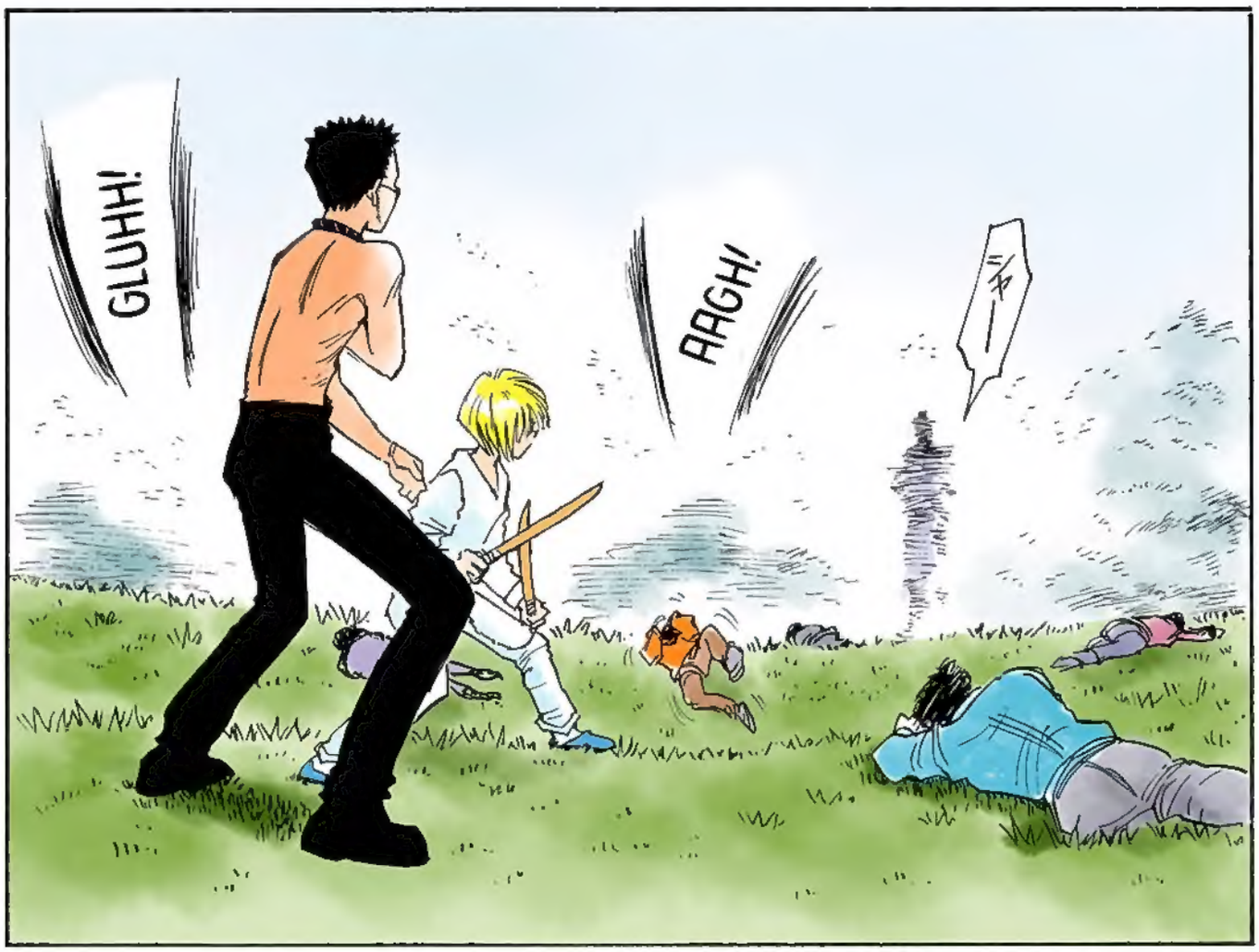
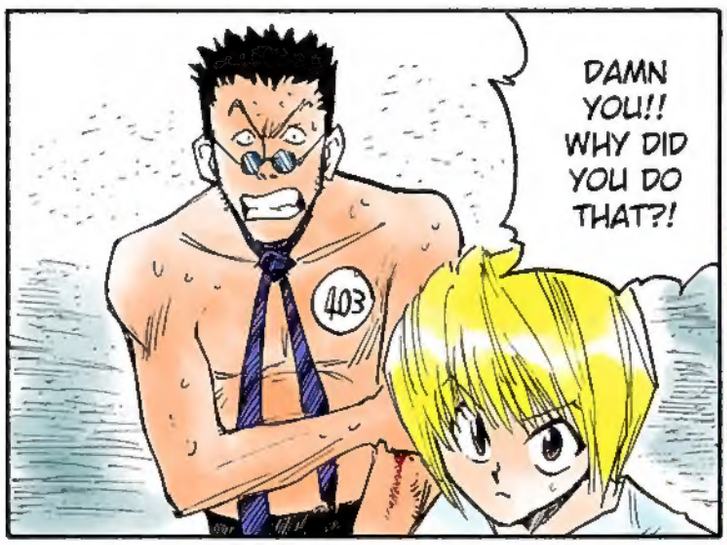

HYAA
...!!

UHN!
ドシュ!!




GLUHH!
AAGH!


DAMN YOU!! WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!
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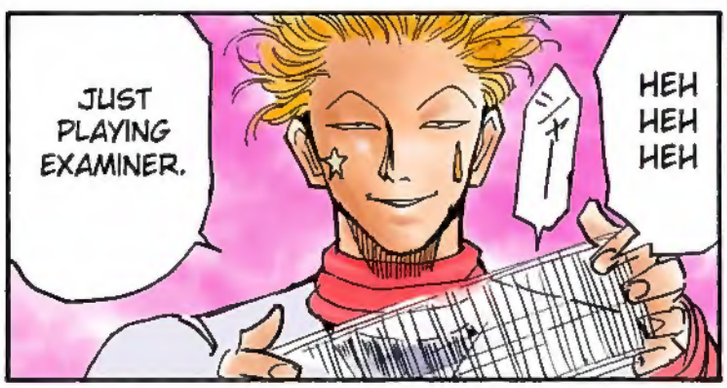
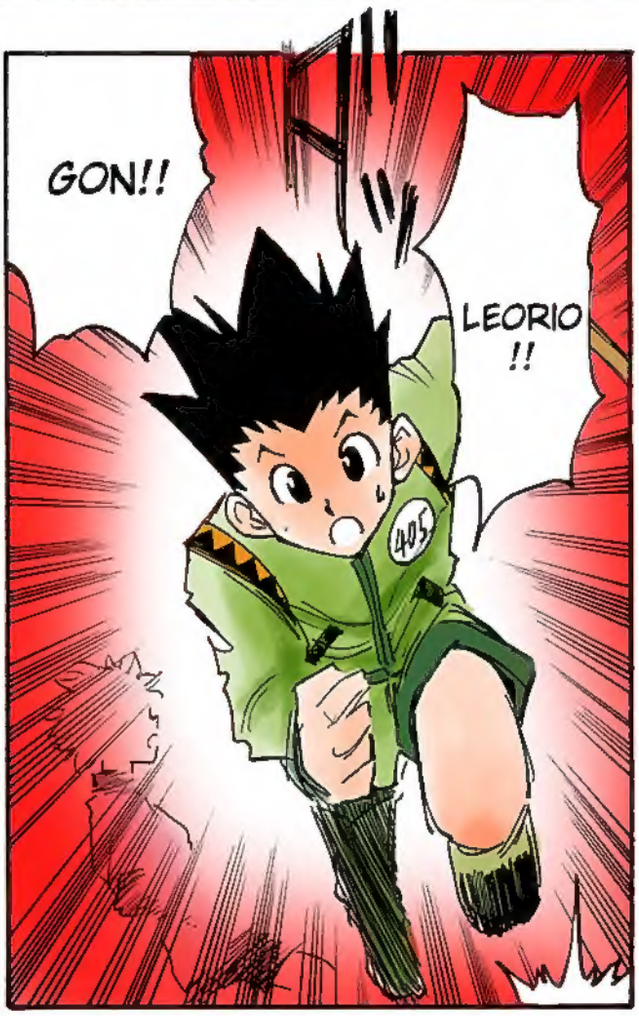

JUST PLAYING EXAMINER.
HEH HEH HEH


GON!!
LEORIO !!
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